

Spain wants to encourage dialogue

MADRID (R) — Spain said Sunday it wanted European Community (EC) foreign ministers to include an incentive for dialogue between Arab states and Europe along with any sanctions against Syria agreed at their meeting in London on Monday. Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Odone said state television that Spain would refuse to sign any statement unless it encouraged such a dialogue, but added he was confident of agreement. "Spain is going to insist that the statement in some way include an element signifying a constructive European position with regard to the Arab-Arab dialogue," he said. "If that element does not figure in the statement, Spain will not sign it." He stressed, however, that Spain was committed to acting against terrorism in alliance with its European partners. Britain wants the community to adopt measures against Syria because of its alleged involvement in an alleged attempt to smuggle a bomb on board an Israeli airliner in London. British and other community officials say they expect the bloc, with the possible exception of Greece, to agree to limited sanctions at Monday's meeting.

King congratulates S. Yemeni president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday sent a cable of congratulations to South Yemeni President Haider Abu Bakr Al Attas congratulating him on the occasion of his election by parliament as head of state for a five-year term. In his cable the King wished President Attas good health and happiness and the people of South Yemen further progress and prosperity.

OPEC panel to meet in Ecuador

KUWAIT (AP) — The OPEC pricing committee will meet in Ecuador at the end of the week to discuss Saudi Arabia's call for efforts to raise oil prices to \$18 a barrel. Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said Sunday. The Kuwaiti oil minister's statement was reported by the Kuwait News Agency. Sheikh Ali heads the three-member committee. The other members are the oil ministers of Libya and Ecuador. The Saudi proposal is aimed at getting the OPEC to set a minimum \$18 price per barrel.

Bonn opposition suffers major defeat

BONN (R) — West Germany's opposition Social Democrats (SPD) Sunday suffered heavy losses in a state poll in Hamburg, one of their main bastions of power, while Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservatives made a powerful advance. According to computer predictions of the outcome, the SPD lost around 40 per cent support in the city-state, gaining less than 42 per cent of the vote compared with 51.3 per cent in the last election in 1982. The computer forecasts, put out by both national television stations, indicated that the SPD and Dr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) had both received about the same number of votes. In 1982 the CDU had the support of only 38.6 per cent of the electorate.

Comecon leaders gather in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The leaders of nine allied nations arrived in Moscow on Sunday for a meeting of the socialist bloc's economic alliance known as Comecon. The TASS news agency announced the arrival of Communist Party leaders from six East European countries, Cuba, Mongolia and Vietnam. But it gave no indication when the working meeting of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance would begin or what it would cover.

Melilla Muslims vote to end contacts with Madrid

MELILLA, Spain (R) — Muslim inhabitants of Spain's North African enclave of Melilla have voted to end all contacts with the government in Madrid, saying they have been deceived over promises of Spanish nationality. Representatives of the community passed a motion at a special meeting Monday night saying dual Spanish and Moroccan nationality was a good solution for the 20,000 people of Moroccan origin in Melilla.

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Jordan allocates JD 10m from 1987 fiscal budget to occupied territories

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AMMAN — The government announced on Sunday that it was allocating JD 10 million from its 1987 fiscal budget to finance projects included in the 1986-1990 five-year development plan for the West Bank and Gaza and was earmarking a similar amount annually for the implementation of the plan.

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh, who announced the decision during Sunday's morning session of the Jordan Development Conference which opened on Saturday, called on Arab and friendly countries and regional and international financial institutions "to continue supporting Jordan's development efforts and positively consider the needs of its two development plans — for the East Bank and the Israeli-occupied territories."

Dr. Odeh said the government's decision to allocate funds from its own budget to the plan for the West Bank and Gaza reflected Jordan's keenness and concern to ensure the successful implementation of the programme. The minister said the decision followed a discussion on the programme during the evening session of the conference on Saturday when a number of personalities and businessmen from the West Bank and Gaza expressed full support for the plan.

Dr. Odeh described the discussion as "deep and rich" and said observations made by the West Bank and Gaza representatives "contributed to further clarify the objectives of the plan."

The government has already allocated JD 4.8 million as emergency funds to finance projects in the West Bank and Gaza. These projects, the government has said, could not wait until the implementation of the \$1.4 billion five-year plan, which is under discussion at the Jordan Development Conference.

The decision announced on Sunday to allocate JD 10 million meant that the amount would be drawn from funds related to the 1987 fiscal budget for the East Bank. The East Bank budget did not include any financial provisions for development projects in the occupied territories.

Speaking at Sunday's conference session, Dr. Odeh referred further to Saturday's evening discussions on the plan for the occupied territories and to comments made by delegates from the West Bank and Gaza.

"What I understood from their observations," said the minister, "was that they are trying to tell us that we are in the right direction."

Several delegates from the occupied territories, including Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, said on Saturday that they fully supported the five-year plan for the occupied territories.

Dr. Odeh pledged on Sunday that the government "will exert all efforts to realise the objectives" of the plan. He said the plan aimed at preserving the Arab identity of the territories and keeping the people in their lands.

During Saturday's discussions, Planning Minister Taher Kanaan presented a brief review of the plan and its objectives. He explained that the plan represented "a new systematic and coherent approach to supporting the steadfastness of the Arab people inside the occupied territories and to arrest further deterioration of the social and economic conditions there."

Dr. Kanaan said the five-year plan not only aimed at supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinians in the occupied territories but also at preventing Israel from containing the economy of the territories.

Dr. Kanaan explained the Israeli efforts in terms of controlling the Arab labour in the occupied territories and of

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W. Germany, ILO and ALESCO to help Jordan's human resources effort

By Rana Sabbagh
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AMMAN — West Germany, the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ALESCO) on Saturday pledged to help Jordan carry out its human resources development and vocational training programmes as included in the Kingdom's Five-Year National Development Plan.

Delegates of the three parties said during a working session of the Jordan Development Conference that they were putting at the Kingdom's disposal their experience to assist the country to meet its labour, educational and vocational training targets as provided by the five-year plan.

The plan's targets for labour and manpower call for creating

260,000 new job opportunities over the plan's duration, formulating clear policies on income labour, expanding the scope of vocational training and adopting a system of classification to define the occupational levels of workers.

Participants in the Jordan Development Conference's working session on "human resources development" noted that manpower planning and vocational training policies should be in harmony with each other and it was essential that analysing manpower should be based on regions and their respective needs.

They called for more efforts to realise the quality of education to formulate a flexible base capable of coping with changes affecting the local labour market.

Labour and Social Development Minister Khaled

Haj Hassan said the level of unemployment in Jordan had reached eight per cent, "which is not worrisome due to the country's special structure of being a labour importer and a labour exporter."

"There are 150,000 foreign workers in the Jordanian market while there are 40,000 unemployed Jordanians," said Mr. Haj Hassan.

At the onset of the session, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan made an opening speech which touched on some difficulties facing Jordan's labour, education and transfer of technology. "Most planners here face the issue of how can our educational system act as a bridge between keeping commitments to our cultural past and reemphasising our openness to the Western technology," Prince Hassan said.

Amal and Palestinians locked in heavy tank and artillery barrage

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Militiamen of the Shi'ite Amal movement pounded a Palestinian refugee camp with tank fire on Sunday, while Palestinian fighters hammered Shi'ite suburbs with long-range artillery, police said.

They said five people were killed and 30 others wounded from both sides in the escalating hostilities, which kept Beirut's airport highway closed for a ninth straight day.

That topped to 52 dead and 527 wounded the overall toll from the 10-day-old fighting around the Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp.

Police said Amal fighters blasted the sprawling camp on the city's southern flank with Soviet-made tank cannons at mid-morning.

The sustained barrage followed a three-hour bombardment of Shi'ite slums surrounding the camp by Palestinian artillery, based in Lebanon's central mountains.

Aviation officials said flight operations remained unaffected by nearby shelling and the closure of the airport's main highway. They said passengers were able to reach the airport through side streets along the Mediterranean coast.

The sound of exploding shells

echoed through Beirut's rain-drenched areas, along with ear-splitting thunder claps.

The weather bureau at the airport said snow blizzards blocked all mountain roads throughout Lebanon on Sunday.

Beirut Radio stations and newspapers called the current hostilities between Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Amal and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) "the Bourj war."

They said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad's government was engaged in contacts with Amal leaders and pro-Syrian PLO factions in the camp to arrange for a ceasefire.

Amal has been fighting to prevent the PLO from rebuilding the Lebanon power base it lost in Israel's 1982 invasion.

Amal spokesmen contend a resurgence of PLO activity against Israel from South Lebanon would provoke Israeli reprisals against the region's predominantly Shi'ite population.

A senior pro-Syrian Palestinian official said Sunday there was no truth in reports that all Palestinians who left Lebanon after the 1982 Israeli invasion had returned with their weapons to refugee camps there.

Abu Khaled Al Shemal, a member of the camps' co-ordination committee, was commenting in a press statement on an interview by a top PLO leader published on Saturday in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"We would like to assert that there is no truth in the information given in the statement that all Palestinians who have left Lebanon have returned with their arms," Mr. Shemal said.

"We in the past have repeatedly asserted that this war between allies does not serve the Lebanese, Palestinian or national objectives but serves the Zionist enemy Israel."

Salah Khalaf, the PLO second-in-command, was quoted by the UAE daily Al Itihad as saying all Palestinians who left Lebanon after the 1982 invasion had returned with their weapons to defend the camps and prevent a repetition of camp massacres.

He said all camps had orders to fight if one was attacked.

Mr. Shemal, a member of the pro-Syrian Palestine National Salvation Front, said statements like those of Mr. Khalaf only helped intensify conflict at the refugee camps as efforts were being made to end the strife.



Upper House Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi and Lower House Speaker Akel Al Fayez on Sunday read out the replies of their respective houses to His Majesty King Hussein's speech from the throne on Nov. 1 (Petra photos)

Parliament pledges total support for policies outlined in speech from throne

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Parliament on Sunday endorsed and pledged full support for His Majesty King Hussein's speech from the throne which he delivered at the opening of Parliament's fourth ordinary session on Nov. 1.

Both the Upper House (Senate) and Lower House of Parliament pledged to carry out the King's directives on issues related to Jordan's domestic, pan-Arab and foreign policies.

Both chambers also voiced total support for the government's various socio-economic measures and the King's pledge to strengthen the Armed Forces, the People's Army and the Public Security Department in order to secure national stability, and achieve further development.

In separate meetings with the King on Sunday, the two houses pledged full backing to His Majesty's and the government's efforts to achieve a united Arab stand capable of confronting all challenges facing the Arab World.

They reiterated the Kingdom's call for an international peace conference on the Middle East conflict with the participation of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and all parties involved in Arab-Israeli conflict including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The King heard both houses' replies to his speech from the throne during the two consecutive

meetings with speakers and selected members of the Senate and the Lower House at the Royal Court.

Senate Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi presented the Senate's reply to the speech from the throne in a nine-page letter, while the Lower House's 10-page reply was presented by its speaker, Akel Al Fayez.

On Thursday, both houses met in separate sessions and endorsed their respective replies which were drafted by a three-member Senate committee and an 11-member Lower House group. Both chambers' amendments to the draft replies touched on phrases and grammatical structures of sentences without altering any major paragraphs or ideas.

The Upper and Lower Houses vowed their full support for the King's pledges to strengthen the Armed Forces — defenders of the longest Arab confrontation line with Israel and the base for internal stability and cohesion.

"A decent living, worthwhile and continuous development can only be secured through the prevalence of security and stability, through bolstering national unity and the coherence of the domestic front," said the Senate reply.

"The Hashemite Arab Armed Forces needs continuous care and utmost attention and it should be provided with modern training and advanced weapons so as to keep Jordan as a strong castle against the Israeli plans and (to

enable the Armed Forces) to protect the country and its citizens," it said.

The Lower House echoed the Senate statement.

"We have been honoured with being the longest confrontation line responsible for protecting ourselves and our umma (Arab Nation), and this protection will only be achieved through offering continuous care for the Hashemite Arab Armed Forces in terms of preparation, training and equipment from any source possible," said the house in its reply to the King's speech.

"The building of our People's Army and consolidating the strength of our national front go in parallel harmony with backing our Armed Forces," it added.

On the economic conditions in Jordan, the Senate voiced its total support for the government's present and future policies and the Cabinet's drive towards changing the status of a number of the government organisations into public shareholding commercial institutions and clearing the way for the participation of private sector capital in some of them.

"We strongly believe in organised freedom, personal initiative and equal competition, all of which have been the distinguished characteristics of our economic path. The Senate endorsed the government's aims at strengthening the role of the private sector in development and investments including its participation in the management,

and or the ownership of a number of the public institutions after they have been transformed into public shareholding companies in order to widen the scope of cooperation between both sectors and to enlarge the framework of decision-making," Mr. Lawzi said on behalf of the 30 members of the Senate.

The Lower House also reiterated its full backing for the government's drive to introduce links between the private and public sectors to solve problems affecting the Kingdom's economic situation in general and that of unemployment in particular.

"We totally back the government's drive towards encouraging joint and bilateral economic pacts with the Arab countries in order to achieve pan-Arab economic unity and integration," said Mr. Fayez on behalf of the 60 members of the Lower House.

On administrative reform towards improving efficiency of economic projects, both houses referred to the King's promise over performance monitoring, ensuring integrity and accountability and placing the right man in the right position. The deputies welcomed the government's decision to establish a higher court of justice that would work independent from the court of cassation.

"We reaffirm our respect to the judicial authority, its immunity,

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Iraqis cripple 2 tankers

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi air force jets struck and crippled two supertankers, a Cypriot and an Iranian, in separate air raids Sunday near Iran's vital Kharg Island oil terminal, shipping officials reported.

The London-based Lloyds shipping intelligence unit and Gulf-based shipping executives identified the vessels as the 227,000-tonne Angel, which flies the Cypriot flag and is operated by the London-based Kappa Maritime Ltd., and the 231,712-tonne Khark, owned and operated by the National Iranian Tanker Co.

The attacks shattered a 12-day lull in the so-called "tanker war" and Gulf shipping circles were reported on alert for possible Iranian retaliatory strikes on commercial ships in the southern sector of the Gulf.

Gulf-based marine salvage executives said the Iraqi aircraft fired one French-made Exocet missile into the Cypriot-flag ship. The heat-seeking missile lodged in the ship's body, but did not explode.

The Angel, however, was under tow towards an Iranian port, indicating the impact of the missiles caused damage to the rudder or the engine room, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. They said no injuries were reported among its seamen.

The Angel had been hit in a similar Iraqi raid about six weeks ago. In the Oct. 2 attack a minor fire was reported on board.

Lloyds reported Khark was 32 to 64 kilometres south of the Angel when it was struck and that its steering gear was damaged.

The Angel and the Khark are part of an Iranian-commissioned fleet of tankers used to ferry crude oil from Kharg, which is in the Iran-Iraq war zone, to safer, southern Iranian terminals.

Egyptian cabinet resigns; Mubarak gives new mandate to Atef Sedki

CAIRO (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak, indicating dissatisfaction with the cabinet's performance, accepted the resignation of Premier Aly Lutfi on Sunday and asked a leading economist to form a new government.

The mandate went to Dr. Atef Sedki, 56, a French-educated technocrat who was chairman of the Central Auditing Authority.

Mr. Mubarak's action came two days before a new parliamentary session and showed he wanted the new cabinet in place for that event. In a letter to Dr. Sedki, the president listed 14 priorities topped by the country's economic woes.

The People's Assembly is to convene on Tuesday for a procedural session and will resume on Wednesday to hear a policy statement by Mr. Mubarak.

Safwat Al Sharif, information minister in Dr. Lutfi's 33-member cabinet, announced the resignation and said Dr. Sedki was to begin consultations on his ministerial lineup Sunday night.

Mr. Mubarak's written mandate to Dr. Sedki dealt entirely with domestic issues and left no doubt that the change of government

would not bring any foreign policy shifts.

Referring to economic reform under Dr. Lutfi, Mr. Mubarak's letter said: "The situation still requires more and higher levels of accomplishment and progress in the basic spheres directly related to the people's interests. It also requires greater harmony and coordination within the establishments playing a leading role in implementing the programme."

Mr. Mubarak appeared to imply unhappiness with the cabinet's performance and lack of cohesion.

Government sources quoted by Reuters said they expected key cabinet posts would not be affected by the change of prime ministers.

They named Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdul Hafiz Abu Ghazala — regarded as second only to Mr. Mubarak in Egypt's hierarchy — Foreign Minister Ahmad Esmat Abdul Meguid and Interior Minister Zaki Badr as top ministers who would keep their jobs.

In his letter to Dr. Sedki, Mr. Mubarak expressed hope the new cabinet "will respond better to the demands and aspirations of

Egyptians."

The president's first listed priority was "mobilising all internal and external resources to cope with the economic situation in an effective way that will serve the production sectors and meet the basic needs of the masses."

Dr. Lutfi, also a leading economist and former finance minister, was given the premiership in September 1985 in hopes of improving the economy.

But the world oil slump and Middle East extremism since have drastically reduced Egypt's foreign currency income, rendering economic reform even more difficult.

Egypt's foreign debt currently stands at about \$36 billion. According to official estimates, the government will have to spend about \$3 billion annually over the next three years in debt servicing.

The government has estimated losses in oil export revenues at \$1.2 billion this year. The world oil crisis also has reduced remittances from Egyptian expatriate workers. Income from tourism is estimated to have dropped by 40 per cent after a spate of extremist violence in the region last fall.

'Shultz could resign over Washington-Tehran dealings'

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State George Shultz could resign over the United States' reported secret involvement in arms shipments to Iran, according to aides to the secretary cited in the New York Times' Sunday edition.

The State Department had opposed covert contacts with Iran and had been deliberately denied information about the matter, the newspaper said, citing unidentified administration officials.

Mr. Shultz finds his position particularly undercut because he had assured a meeting of Arab foreign ministers on Oct. 1 that the United States was doing all it could to halt the shipment of arms to Iran. State Department officials told the newspaper.

One aide told the Times that "if the secretary is going to resign over something, this would be it." But the aide said he did not know what Mr. Shultz intended to do.

White House spokesman Albert R. Brashear and State

Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty declined comment on the Times' report.

The Times, the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times have all reported that Iran helped arrange the release of Americans held in Lebanon in exchange for shipments of U.S. arms arranged through Israeli contacts.

Mr. Shultz, speaking with reporters Friday while flying home from a European diplomatic

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Israel admits holding nuclear technician but denies abduction

Tel Aviv, London deny contact over kidnap plan

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said Sunday it was holding a missing nuclear technician who gave a British newspaper details of Israel's alleged atom secrets, but it denied he was abducted in London by Israeli agents.

The government said in a statement: "Mordchai Vanunu is under lawful detention in Israel in the wake of a court order which was issued following a hearing at which the lawyer he chose was present."

It added: "All the rumours to the effect that Vanunu was kidnapped on British soil are totally without foundation."

The statement did not say how he was brought to Israel or where he was being held.

The 31-year-old nuclear technician disappeared on Sept. 30 after telling the Sunday Times that Israel had been producing nuclear warheads for 20 years at a secret reactor in Dimona, where he worked for 10 years until last November.

The government denied a report in London's Observer newspaper that former Prime Minister Shimon Peres had telephoned British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to tell her he planned to order Israel's Mossad intelligence service to kidnap Vanunu in London.

"There is ... no basis to the

report that Mr. Peres contacted Mrs. Thatcher in order to inform her about something that never took place," it said.

The Observer newspaper said Sunday Peres telephoned Mrs. Thatcher in September to ask for assurances that British authorities would not stop agents of the Israeli Mossad spy agency from abducting Vanunu.

A spokesman for Mrs. Thatcher has denied the report.

Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons on Friday that neither she nor any members of her staff had been in contact with any Israeli officials about Vanunu.

Member of Parliament Anthony Beaumont-Dark, who belongs to Mrs. Thatcher's ruling Conservative Party, on Friday failed in an attempt to force an emergency debate about Vanunu. The British Foreign Office has said there is nothing to investigate in the affair.

Citing what it described as highly placed Israeli security sources, the Observer said Mrs. Thatcher's response to the telephone call from Peres was

unknown.

The Sunday Times said that a senior official in the Israeli internal security service Shin Bet had been dismissed for lapses at the Dimona Research Centre where Vanunu was employed.

The scandal appeared to involve one of the most serious breaches of security in Israel's history.

Israeli newspapers reported last week that Vanunu had pro-Palestinian views and published a photograph showing him at a Palestinian demonstration.

They said he had applied to join the Communist Party while he was employed at Dimona, in the Negev Desert.

He moved to Australia earlier this year and became a Christian.

The pastor of his church in Australia visited Israel to try to find Vanunu after he disappeared but government officials refused to meet the clergyman.

Israel has been refusing to comment on Vanunu's story or his whereabouts. It was unclear why it chose to issue a statement now.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog said last week he had no knowledge of Vanunu's whereabouts and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel would not succumb to pressure and say if it was holding him.

According to some foreign newspaper reports, Vanunu was lured onto a yacht in the Mediterranean and captured by Mossad agents when the boat entered international waters.

London's Standard newspaper said last month there was evidence that he was flown out of an airport near the British capital between Oct. 10 and 17.

Several British Labour parliamentarians have urged Mrs. Thatcher to carry out an inquiry into his disappearance.

The government statement did not specify the charges against Vanunu or whether he would be put on public trial.

Israeli law allows for closed-door hearings in secret cases. Some Israeli members of parliament have said Vanunu should be tried as a traitor.

Israeli military censors barred correspondents in Israel from issuing reports on Vanunu's detention in the past month. The censors are empowered to suppress stories which they believe damage Israeli security.

The local press was allowed to print details of his past for the first time last week, apparently aimed at discrediting him before a trial.

Some foreign reports said the affair had been engineered by Mossad to warn Arab countries of Israel's nuclear potential.

PLO terms Romania meeting a 'success'

TUNIS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will continue its military operations against Israel despite its meeting with Israeli leftists in Romania, a PLO military chief said.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat's military deputy, Khalil Al Wazir, told Reuters in Tunis Saturday night that the meeting in the Romanian town of Costesti on Thursday was a success even though it broke up after only two hours.

Mr. Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, said the meeting, attended by 29 Israelis and 15 Palestinians, was not intended as a forum for negotiations but a challenge to an Israeli law passed three months ago banning such contacts.

Asked about a PLO statement after the meeting indicating that military operations would continue, Mr. Wazir said:

"We, as an oppressed people suffering under Israeli military occupation, we have our right to face Israeli fascism by all our means, by our military struggle, which we are not stopping."

"We have the right to continue and to escalate it day by day."

Mr. Wazir said the meeting had the full support of the PLO leadership and had also resulted in the Israeli side expressing support for Palestinian self-determination.

He denied that half the PLO delegation, which included two members of the organisation's 10-man Executive Committee did not turn up because of threats by sympathisers of Palestinian extremists Abu Nidal.

The Palestinian delegation included Executive Committee members Abdelaziz Yahya and Mohammad Mithneh. The Israeli side, four of whose leaders were ordered on their return home to report to police, was headed by Latif Dori of the Mapam Party.

Asked whether military operations in Israeli-occupied Arab territories or political moves were priorities for the PLO, Mr. Wazir said:

"We believe that with our armed struggle we are sending our cry to all the world that we have the right to face the military occupation, and that our Palestinian people are facing savage treatment at the hands of the Israeli army."

Key figure in arms shipment to Iran took part in Tehran hostage rescue bid

NEW YORK (R) — A key U.S. figure in reported secret arms shipments to Iran took part in the aborted 1980 mission to free U.S. hostages in Tehran, was involved in planning the Grenada invasion and supervised the mining of Nicaraguan harbours, the New York Times reported Sunday.

The newspaper quoted government officials as saying Lt. Col. Oliver North led a detachment of Marines to the remote mountains of eastern Turkey near the border with Iran at the time of the hostage crisis.

The Marines were to fly into the Iranian capital if they were needed to cover the escape of the hostages who were to be rescued by a special army force, the newspaper said.

The rescue mission was aborted after helicopters broke down and Col. North withdrew from Turkey as quietly as he had entered it, said.

A year later, the Times said, Col. North joined the staff of the National Security Council, gaining a reputation for involvement in risky, secret operations.

The Times said Col. North, deputy director of political-military affairs at the council, was put in charge of a top secret programme to supply arms

to Iran that reportedly went into operation last June.

The plan was so secret that not even Secretary of State George Shultz knew about it, the paper said.

It quoted government officials as saying the arms deal led to the release of one of the Americans held hostage in Lebanon, Roman Catholic Priest Lawrence Jenca, last July.

The newspaper said Mr. Reagan agreed to the resumption of arms supplies to Iran at the urging of Admiral John Poindexter, the director of the National Security Council.

Adm. Poindexter had replaced John McFarlane, who had similarly persuaded Mr. Reagan to send arms to Iran in July 1981, which resulted in the release that month of another clergyman hostage, the Reverend Benjamin Weir.

That covert operation ended earlier this year at the urging of Mr. Shultz, the paper said.

The officials told the newspaper that Col. North was deeply involved in planning the invasion of Grenada in 1983, helped direct White House efforts to support Nicaraguan rebel forces and helped plan the capture of Arab extremists after last year's

hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro.

In his work, the newspaper said, Col. North has relied on a network of military officers and civilian operatives he met in the Vietnam war. They include Maj. Gen. John Singlaub, a retired army officer, and Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, a retired air force officer.

The newspaper said that when Col. North joined the National Security Council in 1981, one of his first tasks was to draw up directives to provide for continuity of government during a nuclear conflict. He also organised a nuclear war game to expose President Reagan to the realities of nuclear conflict.

The newspaper said Col. North planned and supervised the mining of Nicaraguan harbours by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agents in late 1983. Many members of Congress were highly critical of the operation after it was revealed.

It also said that after Congress cut off aid to the Nicaraguan rebels in 1984, Col. North activated a private network that included Gen. Singlaub and Gen. Secord to raise funds for the rebels and arrange deliveries of arms and supplies.

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mission, would not say if the United States has abandoned its policy of refusing to negotiate with "terrorists." But he made it clear he believed the United States should not negotiate, saying, "the policy of not negotiating — for us is the right policy."

The secretary said he could not comment on the reported dealings between the United States and Iran because of a White House statement that all administration reaction on the issue should come from the White House.

"I don't particularly enjoy it," he said. "I like to say what I think."

The New York Times said Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, on a recent trip to China, had urged Peking to stop sending arms to Iran.

State Department officials said Mr. Shultz and Mr. Weinberger urged President Ronald Reagan to seal off a secret channel to Iran, opened in July 1985 by then National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, the paper reported.

U.S. hostage Benjamin Weir was freed that month in what the White House took as a sign that arms shipments coordinated by the Israelis had borne fruit, the Times reported. It quoted Israeli journalist Shimon Shiffer as saying Mr. Reagan personally thanked Israel for its help.

The paper said both Mr. Weinberger and Mr. Shultz later urged the president to end the Iran connection.

But arms shipments resumed in July, the Times said, adding that the State Department learned of the new deals informally.

The Times added it was unusual for such an operation to be run by the National Security Council without the knowledge of either the secretary of state or the secretary of defence, both statutory members of the council.

It quoted officials as saying Mr. Shultz did not vigorously protest against the resumption of the pipeline when it was brought to his attention.

The Israeli foreign ministry declined to confirm or deny the reports that Israel shipped arms to Iran that reportedly went into operation last June.

Iran at Washington's request.

"We are not relating to the matter because it is journalistic speculation," a ministry spokesman told Reuters.

Last May, Menachem Begin, then director-general of the Israeli defence ministry, said Israel sold military spare parts to Iran in 1982 with Washington's knowledge.

He said Israel had stopped selling weapons to Iran but he could not be sure Israeli arms had not reached Tehran indirectly.

The Soviet Communist Party, daily Pravda said the reported secret U.S. arms shipments to Iran demonstrated the duplicity of Washington's policy on the Iran-Iraq war and other regional conflicts.

"The 'McFarlane affair' is additional proof of Washington's duplicity with regard to everything related to the Iran-Iraq conflict," Pravda said.

"Washington claims in public that it advocates an end to the Iran-Iraq war. But in reality the U.S. administration, assuring one side of its peaceable intentions, offers arms deliveries to the other side."

Khomeini says reports of his illness unimportant

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, said Sunday that reports of his deteriorating health are unimportant and that the clergy-led Iranian revolutionary regime will continue after his death.

"Every day there rumours that this and that has happened, that so and so has had a heart attack, that so and so is on his death bed. So let it be," Khomeini said in a speech to Revolutionary Guards at his residence in Jamaran, north of Tehran.

The speech was carried by Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia.

"Of course death comes to everyone and to me too," he said. "They should know not to rejoice. This is something that happens and you will see that, God willing, the Islamic Republic will remain, whether I stay."

There have been persistent reports in recent weeks that Khomeini suffered one or two heart attacks, setting off a power struggle within the Iranian leadership.

A Tehran informant with first-hand knowledge of Khomeini's health has confirmed that the Iranian leader suffered a heart attack this summer.

Numerous diplomatic, academic and business sources have confirmed that various groups within the Iranian

leadership are jockeying for position in a post-Khomeini Iran.

The ayatollah spoke with a stable voice during the speech, which was only seven minutes long, short for him. Crying could be heard in the background when he referred to his death.

Khomeini said the future of Iran does not depend on any individual.

The Revolutionary Guards chanted: "Oh God, oh God, until Mehdi's revolution, keep Khomeini," referring to the 12th imam, whose return Shi'ite Muslims believe will mark judgment day.

Khomeini thanked the Iranian military and security forces for having stabilised the country, Iran's enemies, both inside and outside the country, should know there is no disorder, he said.

"Our enemies must understand that the Islamic Republic from now on, in fact from the beginning, has been stabilised and is not dependent on any person but on the people and the armed forces."

He referred to a bombing that killed 75 people in 1981 at the headquarters of the ruling Islamic Republican Party, and noted that that attack did not succeed.

"More than before, people poured into the streets," he said. "And now the situation is the same. They (Iran's enemies) should not waste their time."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow names envoy to Tunisia

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has named Vladimir Sobchenko, 56, as its ambassador to Tunisia, the Soviet news agency (TASS) said. Sobchenko, who served as Soviet ambassador to Laos for the past six years, replaces Vsevolod Kizichenko. TASS said the outgoing envoy was transferred to another job but gave no details.

Sudan frees protesters

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese authorities have freed all of the students arrested for involvement in protests over rising commodity prices and food shortages during the past two weeks, Khartoum's police commissioner said. The commissioner, General Mohammad AL Hassan Youssef, said in a statement to the official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) that no students were now being held in connection with the street protests. Fifty-five students were freed Saturday. In all, more than 200 had been arrested during demonstrations which the government blamed on the opposition National Islamic Front. A member of the ruling Umma Party was killed when demonstrators stoned party headquarters in Omdurman, one of three towns forming the Sudanese capital.

Moroccan envoy in Nigeria robbed

LAGOS (R) — The Moroccan ambassador to Nigeria has said armed men broke into his house and robbed him and his wife at gunpoint after killing a watchman. Ambassador Mohammad Saleh Zaimi told Reuters Saturday that early on Wednesday as they slept: "Three men, one armed with a home-made pistol and the others with a cutlass and some bolt-cutters forced their way into our bedroom. They threatened us and luckily I had some cash with me," he said. The robbers, who also stole his wife's jewels and a video recorder, cut the telephone line. The Togolese guard was clubbed unconscious and died in hospital. Zaimi said he had previously complained that his house had no police protection, particularly at night.

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19:30 Programme on Armed Forces
19:40 Programme review and varieties
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22:30 Arabic Play
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* An exhibition of Jordanian contemporary plastic art at the University of Jordan (until Nov. 11).

* An exhibition of Jordanian Plastic Art at the Exhibition Cultural Centre (until Nov. 10).

* Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk University.

* An exhibition of Scottish goods and services at the Anas Hotel (until Nov. 12).

* Indian book exhibition at the University of Jordan Library (until Nov. 13).

* An exhibition of Jordan National Industries at Al Hussein Sports City.

FILM

* "Rootless Natives" at 7:30 p.m. at the British Council.

* "The Big Sleep" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

* "Suite d'Esc" — dance — at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

VIDEO

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Folklore Museum: Jewelry and

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Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabel Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Amman, Tel. 661757.

Church of the Assumption (Greek Orthodox) Al-Jabal, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabel Amman, Tel. 678906.

Armenian Catholic Church Asfardeh, Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Asfardeh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Asfardeh, Tel. 771751.

Church of the Assumption (Greek Orthodox) Jabel Amman, Tel. 623541.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jabel Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir).

Tel. 811295.

Reformed Congregation (International, Reformed) Jabel Amman, Tel. 606974.

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10:45 Bangkok (RJ)
01:00 Baghdad (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS

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18:30 Baghdad (JA)

DEPARTURES ALIA FLIGHTS

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Blessed rains cause more damage, disruptions and deaths

By Ella Nasrallah
Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Three more people have died, 26 others were injured and heavy material losses were reported in Jordan on Sunday as a result of the heavy rains which continued all day throughout the Kingdom. The known death toll for the past two days is now six.

At least 194 homes were reported to have been flooded, numerous cars were destroyed and many heads of cattle and sheep were swept away by torrents of rain water.

Floods in the streets trapped numerous people in their cars for long periods of time until they were rescued by civil defence teams and many roads and streets were blocked by mud and rocks,

severing communications in many districts.

Civil defence and public security departments opened additional emergency control centres in various regions to deal with the situation and to offer first aid services. Civil defence authorities in Kameh, in the Jordan Valley said that the rain water flooded agricultural land causing extensive damage to crops

and citrus fruit trees and killing sheep and cattle. Mud and stones caused the main pipeline in the East Ghor Canal to burst and water flooded tens of homes sweeping away their contents, the department said.

In the Himmeh region of north Jordan, rain water caused the collapse of a house, killing an old woman and injuring four other occupants. The floods caused damage to many homes in Abu Siru and the civil defence authorities there put up the residents in the local mosque.

In the Amman region, 26 homes were flooded in Jabal Amman, Um Utheina, Marj Al Hamam, Jabal Al Hussein refugee camp, Baiader Wadi Seer, Shmeisani, Um Al Summaq, Tla'a Al Ali, Sweifeh, Wadi Seer, Wadi Abdoun and Al Muhajrin.

The Civil Defence Department also reported that 20 Egyptians were cut off and later rescued from their flooded homes by civil defence rescue teams.

Schoolchildren rescued

At Qweimeh, a school bus full of children was trapped by flood water but civil defence teams rescued all the children.

A total of 50 children in a school were also trapped by the floods and were rescued by the civil defence teams, according to the Civil Defence Department (CDD) which also reported the death of two Egyptian nationals in the Jordan Valley.

In Ramtha, the department said that 18 homes were flooded while in Irbid 66 houses as well as a number of stores were also flooded.

The rain, which has been falling almost continuously for the past three days, is expected to turn into intermittent showers today and the cold front will gradually recede, the Meteorological Department announced on Sunday.

The department said that despite the fact that the rain water had caused some damage to property, it is essential at this time of the year to ensure successful harvests.

Department Director Ali Abanda said that the low depression which centred over Cyprus over the past three days brought in several cold fronts from northern and eastern Europe, affecting the east Mediterranean region, including Jordan. The rain, which accompanied the cold fronts, fell in all regions of the Kingdom, especially in the highland areas, Dr. Abanda said. This sort of weather is rare at the start of the rainy season in Jordan, Dr. Abanda added.

Four times monthly average

He said that the amount of rain which fell in Jordan during the first third of this month is almost four times the average amount of rain water that usually falls in November. According to Dr. Abanda, rarely has Jordan witnessed such heavy rains at the start of the winter season.

Roads closed

The Public Security Department on Sunday reported that the following roads were closed due to heavy rains and rising levels of water: Al Jizeh-Umm Rummaneh, Manara-Umm Rummaneh, Umm Al Walid-Natol, Marj Al Hama, Sabha, Birein, Alouk and the Jerash bridge.

The department said that the Amman-Sweifeh road is passable with difficulty as are the Sweifeh-Baqaa, Abasich, Nanur-Yadoudah and Jweideh roads. The department also reported poor visibility along

many other roads and cautioned motorists to drive with care.

In Madaba, the district governor Abdul Halim Awwad said that a public safety committee in Madaba district has been meeting continuously to deal with any emergency resulting from the heavy rains. He said that the committee is willing to provide assistance at any hour of the day and night but he noted that no serious cases had been reported until Sunday noon. According to Mr. Awwad, all roads leading to Amman and neighbouring regions from Madaba were passable but he said that extra care should be taken and he cautioned people to stay away from wadis and low-lying regions.

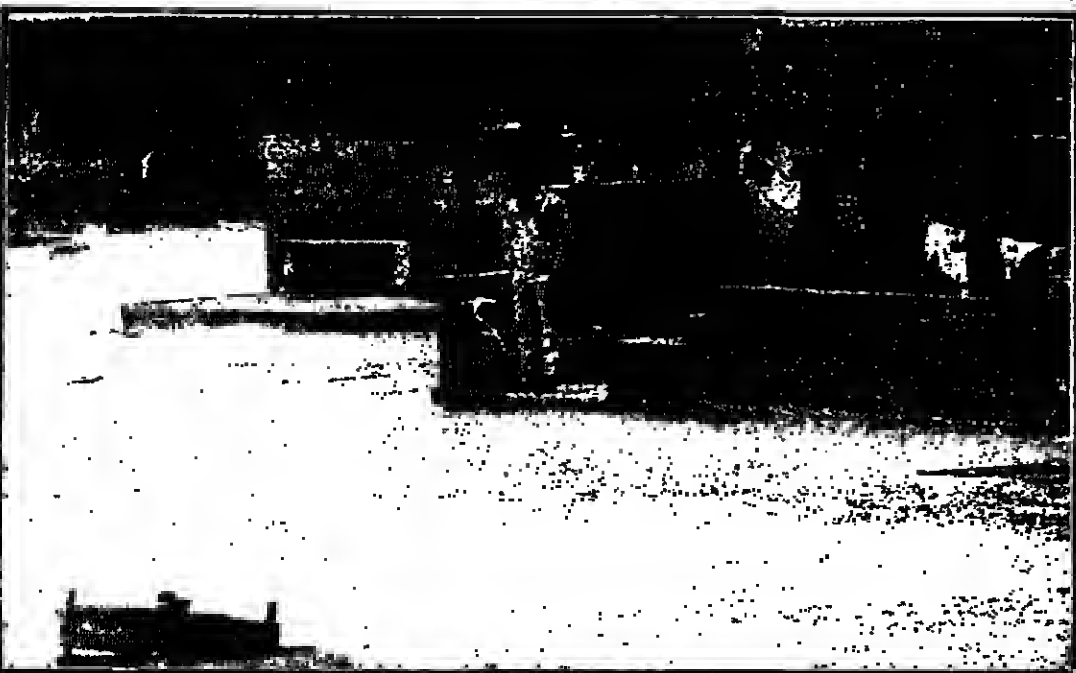
Time to sow

Director of the Agriculture Department in Madaba, Mr. Abdul Majid Bashabshe, said that farmers should now start sowing wheat and barley because the land has received sufficient amounts of rain.

In Karak, the director of the Agriculture Department, Dr. Mukhlis Ammar, said that the rain which fell in the Karak region over the past three days should encourage all farmers in sow their seeds immediately after the rain stops. He said that farmers can receive any amount of improved seeds from his department.

Water Authority of Jordan (W.A.J.) Director General

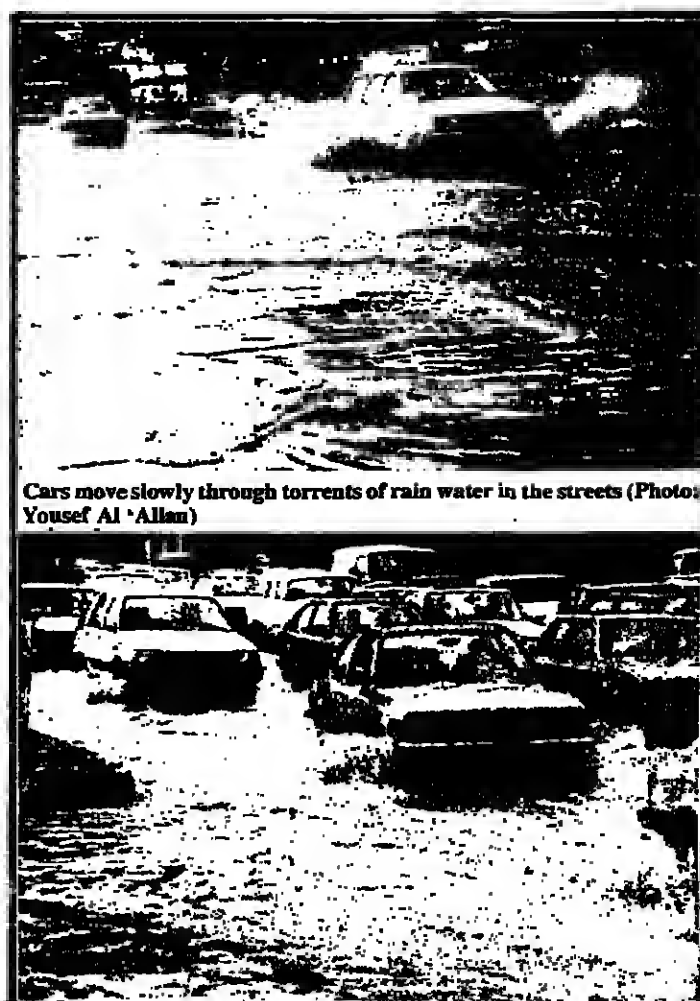
Mohammad Saleh Al Keilani told the Jordan Times that the rain over past three days brought in more than 35 per cent of Jordan's total annual average of rain water. He said that the underground water reserves will be replenished and that the King Talal Dam will receive large amounts of water as run off from wadis. Mr. Keilani was optimistic that the early rains were a good indication of a bumper harvest.



A resident in the downtown area of Amman stands on the edge of a wall above the floodwaters which swept into houses and caused material losses to many home-owners (Photo: Yusef Al 'Allan)



Homes in several areas of Amman were flooded and their contents swept away by the rains (Photo: Yusef Al 'Allan)



Cars move slowly through torrents of rain water in the streets (Photo: Yusef Al 'Allan)

Committee draws up patient transfer scheme

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh said on Sunday that a ministry committee has made arrangements to offer treatment to patients at private hospitals because government hospitals lack sufficient beds and space to accommodate all the patients requiring treatment. The arrangements will be ready in their final form in the coming two days, the minister said during a tour of hospitals in Amman.

He said that this procedure will be followed until the ministry has completed building four new hospitals in Amman, Irbid, Karak and Tafleh.

Once the final arrangements have been prepared, the ministry will select private hospitals to provide this service and

complement facilities at government hospitals, the minister noted.

During his visit to Al Bashir Hospital, the minister met with doctors and officials and discussed means of improving medical services. He said that the manpower at the disposal of the hospital exceeds the hospital's capacity and needs and that this will mean better services for the patients.

Dr. Hamzeh announced that the Health Ministry has allocated funds to establish wings for treating children, nose and throat disease, and burns at the outpatient departments, and that new units will be built for emergency aid in addition to residential quarters for doctors.



U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Amman Edward Guehn (left) presents His Highness Prince Ra'd with Braille watches to be distributed to the blind in Jordan.

Braille watches for the blind

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Highness Prince Ra'd bin Zaid, president of the Friends of the Blind Society in Jordan, has been presented with a number of Braille men's and women's watches for distribution to the needy blind in Jordan by U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Amman Edward W. Guehn. The presentation was made on behalf of the Zale Corporation in Irving,

Texas which kindly donated this gift, according to a press release issued by the American Centre in Amman.

The Zale Corporation has been making this donation every year in appreciation for the humanitarian services and help being extended by the Jordanian Friends of the Blind Society to the needy blind in Jordan, the release said.

Joint project for veterinary vaccines lab moves ahead

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany is helping Jordan to set up a laboratory near Amman which will produce veterinary vaccines to meet the growing needs in the Kingdom, according to Ministry of Agriculture officials. They said that a West German specialist in veterinary vaccines, Dr. Volker Hochstein, is now in Jordan to discuss steps to be taken in this direction.

Dr. Hochstein met with Ministry of Agriculture Under Secretary Salem Al Lawzi and senior ministry officials to review the various stages of the project, currently under construction at Yajouz. The vaccines lab is a joint West German-Jordanian venture and an agreement on the project was signed by the two sides in 1984, according to the officials. The project, to which Jordan

will contribute JD 260,000 and West Germany will provide JD 700,000, is required to help the Ministry of Agriculture promote animal husbandry projects and provide sufficient vaccines for stock breeders' requirements.

The funds will be used to finance the setting up and equipping of the laboratory and for financing the training of technicians from Jordan, according to ministry officials. They said that West Germany will supervise the first stages and will oversee the project until it is fully operational and productive. The laboratory is expected to produce 170 million doses of required vaccines annually and this is sufficient for domestic consumption and will leave a surplus for export, the officials said.

King to patronise main celebration to mark Prophet Mohammad's birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein will patronise a major celebration to be held at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City, on Thursday to commemorate the Prophet Mohammad's birthday.

Among the prominent speakers at the celebration will be Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mbeidat and Minister of Education Toukan Hindawi.

Her Majesty Queen Noor will patronise a celebration to be held at the Hays Arts Centre in Amman on Sunday to mark the occasion. She will attend a performance which depicts aspects of the Prophet Mohammad's life.

Dr. Khayyat will also attend a religious ceremony to be held at Al Hussein mosque in Amman on Saturday in observance of the same occasion.

According to the Ministry of Awqaf's head of the cultural relations department, Mr. Nayef Abu Rajab, his ministry has asked all government departments and ministries to hold special celebrations on the occasion and to organise exhibitions, seminars and lectures to highlight the meaning of the occasion.

Marches, processions

The ministry is also organising marches in which the Armed Forces band, school children, boy scouts and girls guides will take part on Thursday, according to Mr. Abu Rajab. He said that the processions will pass through the streets and converge at Al Hussein Youth City.

The government announced that Thursday will be a public holiday and that all government departments and public institutions will be closed on the day. All night clubs, bars and liquor stores will be closed as of

Wednesday evening until Saturday morning in compliance with an order issued by the governor of Amman.

Events in Ramtha

In Ramtha, the district governor, Mr. Kbalaf Al Mahasneh, on Sunday chaired a meeting during which arrangements were made for celebrating the Prophet Mohammad's birthday and the King's birthday. Mr. Mahasneh said that next Sunday was fixed as the day for marking this occasion in Ramtha. The celebration programme include marches by scouts and members of the public through the city's streets. There will also be events with national songs and folk dances. A book and painting exhibition will also be organised on this occasion. A religious ceremony will be held on Nov. 18 to mark the Prophet's birthday, he added.

Yugoslavia to hold display of products, folklore

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A week-long exhibition of Yugoslavian products will be launched on Nov. 15 and will display the products of 50 Yugoslavian organisations, industrial firms and agricultural corporations, according to a press release issued by the Yugoslavian embassy in Amman.

According to the release, the exhibition comes within the two countries' objectives for bolstering Jordanian-Yugoslav relations in all fields of cooperation. It will include a fashion show and folk and artistic dances and shows. Also on display at the exhibition, to be held in Jerusalem Hotel, will be a wide range of Yugoslav industrial products, agricultural produce and food processing commodities and other commercial items, the release added.

The exhibition will also provide the public with an insight into the Yugoslav life, touristic policies, culture and cuisine.

A special lecture will be dedicated to discussing the possibilities of Yugoslav labour organisations contributing to Jordanian development projects as envisaged in the five-year national development plan.

Jordanian businessmen, members of the private sector and the Yugoslav delegation will be able to exchange viewpoints and ideas on further boosting bilateral cooperation during the exhibition which is being jointly organised and implemented by the Yugoslavian embassy in Jordan, the chamber of economy in Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav Tourist Association.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sharif Zaid meets Sudanese delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid bin Shaker on Sunday conferred with Major General Hashi Sulaiman Ibrahim, the director of Sudan's military academy, and his accompanying delegation of army officers. Later the visiting delegation met with Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb who presented a briefing on the military situation in the Middle East region. The visiting delegation will tour military positions and archaeological and tourist sites in the Kingdom and will meet with civil and military officials.

Muasher hosts dinner for conferees

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, chairman of the Jordan Development Conference, on Sunday attended a dinner banquet hosted by Minister of Supply, Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher at the Marriott Hotel in honour of the participating delegations in the conference.

Algerian products display opens today

AMMAN (Petra) — The first exhibition of Algerian industries opens here today at the Professional Associations Complex. Products of 30 Algerian industrial and agricultural companies will be on display during the eight-day exhibition which is to be opened by Minister of Supply, Industry and Trade Rajai Al Muasher.

Hmoud reviews support for Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Jordan national committee for supporting Iraq Dheifallah Al Hmoud on Sunday reviewed the committee's efforts to back Iraq through collecting donations for the war effort. Mr. Hmoud said that the formation of this committee stemmed from the basic principles of Jordan leadership which has spared no efforts in backing its Arab brothers. Mr. Hmoud was speaking during a meeting at the chamber of commerce in Madaba with representatives of the official and popular sectors in Madaba district.

Jordan to attend talks on Arab phosphates

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the meetings of an Arab committee for studying the future of phosphates in the Arab World until the year 2000. The conference opens today in Morocco. The committee is a specialised grouping of the Arab organisation of mineral resources and is concerned with the extraction, production and marketing of phosphates in the Arab World.

Conference on culture continues

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The third national conference on culture, which opened at the University of Jordan on Saturday, continued its deliberations Sunday with a focus on Arab nationalism and political trends.

Several working papers were presented by prominent Jordanian writers dealing with pan-Arab trends amongst local writers and the writers' stand on progressiveness and backwardness.

The first paper, presented by Mu'ta University President Ali Mahafzah, discussed Jordanian writers and political trends in the Kingdom since the Great Arab Revolt at the turn of the century. Dr. Mahafzah categorised the local political trends into four schools of thought. The prime political current, according to Dr. Mahafzah, is that which emerged from the Great Arab Revolt led by the great grandfather of His Majesty King Hussein Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali.

The second political trend, Dr. Mahafzah continued, represented the Arab Ba'ath political current which has been locally backed and

led by the late Dr. Munif Razzaq, an eminent Jordanian politician.

The lecturer then moved on to the third political current, the Nasserite movement, a political path labelled after Egypt's late president Jamal Abdul Nasser and which emerged in the 50's. The father of the Nasserite movement in Jordan was the late Abdullah Rimawi, he said.

The Arab nationalists current is considered by Dr. Mahafzah to be the fourth political trend which influenced the Kingdom's internal, regional and international standings at one point or another. In his paper, Dr. Mahafzah made a chronological review of the four political currents since their inception as well as a biography of eminent Jordanian figures who, over the years, have contributed to nourishing the political life in the Kingdom.

Other lectures on the same theme were given by Dr. Ahmad Madi and Mr. Amin Shuqair, both prominent Jordanian activists. Dr. Nabil Agel and columnist Tareq Masarweh commented on the papers at the end of the morning session, which was presided over by Dr. Abdul

Aziz Douiri. The four-day cultural conference will be discussing subjects related to national culture and literature.

Addressing the opening ceremony, the university's acting president, Dr. Mahmud Al Samra, appealed to Jordanian intellectuals to help universities meet the requirements of the people's cultural needs. Dr. Samra said that universities in the Arab World have been unable to cope with the tens of thousands of young men and women demanding higher education and have failed to recruit sufficient numbers of qualified teachers and lack the facilities for the young generation's needs. He expressed hope that universities would be able to provide graduates with high calibre of culture and knowledge to contribute towards promoting national culture.

The opening ceremony was also addressed by Mr. Haidar Mahmoud, director general of the Department of Culture and Arts, Dr. Khalid Karaki, president of the Jordanian Writers Association and Dr. Samir Qatani who heads the conference's preparatory committee.



THE FIRST

SPECIALISED INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

The management of the first specialised industrial exhibition, set up on the occasion of the Jordan Development Conference, invites interested members of the public, industrialists and investors to visit the exhibition, currently open at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday November 9 - 11, 1986 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Israeli hand shows

BONN's denial of the story that appeared in the Washington Times recently implicating Israel in the Hindawi affair raises more questions than it answers. In the story, the French prime minister was quoted as saying West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had told him that he believed Israel had a hand in setting up Syria through the Hindawi attempt to blow up an El Al plane after taking off from London.

While we, and the rest of the world, await more light to be shed on the complicated affair, we cannot rule out a direct Israeli involvement in the events leading up to Hindawi's arrest in London.

This is explained not only by the fact that Israel has stood to gain a lot from that particular incident, but also by Israel's track record in attempting to discredit Syria internationally.

In the events surrounding recent acts of terrorism and allegations of terrorism in Europe, power politics and vested interests have been deeply involved. First, France announced its cooperation with Syria to fight terrorism on its soil and to free French hostages in Lebanon. Then, came the breaking of relations between Britain and Syria over allegations that Syria supported terrorism on British soil. And, most recently, the U.S. is reported to have been engaged in negotiations with Iran over the freeing of American hostages in Lebanon. Iran, in turn, was reported to have negotiated with France and the U.S. over the liberation of their respective hostages, in return for economic and military considerations.

All these events lead us to conclude that the name of the game is still power politics, rivalries and vested interests, and that the stakes are high enough to make even states hostages to groups or countries supporting hostage-taking. But out of a very complicated game one thing remains clear: Israel, which has been involved in fabrications and manipulation of events to discredit its adversaries in the past, is more likely than not to be involved in some manoeuvre or another in the Hindawi affair. The infamous Lavoue affair, which occurred in Cairo during the days of Jamal Abdul Nasser, is still fresh in our minds, although distant in terms of time and space. As should be remembered by all those who care, Israeli high officials were implicated then in the blowing up of U.S. buildings and offices in order to discredit President Nasser. We think Israel is still capable of manipulating events to undermine and discredit its enemies.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Helping Palestinian brothers

IN his speech to the three-day conference on Jordan's national development plan King Hussein stressed on the basis of national development and Jordan's economic and social programmes. He said that the programme is being implemented despite the country's heavy national security burdens and national commitments towards the Palestinian people. The monarch said that Jordan's five-year development plan is linked closely to the Arab regional economic situation and is designed to achieve more integration with Arab economies. Jordan seeks to achieve stable economic progress in cooperation with Arab sister states and also will strive to help Arab inhabitants under Israeli rule to have a decent living and bolster their steadfastness in the face of Israel's arbitrary measures against them. The King said that helping the people of the occupied territories is a national commitment for Jordan in view of the close links that bind the Jordanian and Palestinian people. Supporting the Arab people in these territories should take the form of real assistance, and this will be implemented within a five-year programme that would ensure a continuation of Arab presence in Palestine and a preservation of Arab identity in the Israeli-held Arab homeland. The Jordanian programme for helping the Palestinian people falls in line with pan-Arab policies that advocate all possible means of helping the Palestinians in the face of occupation and aggression.

Al Dustour: Towards pan-Arab integration

JORDAN'S conference on national development has opened with the participation of experts and economists from Arab and friendly countries. This conference is indeed a good opportunity for Arabs and friends to have a deep look into the Kingdom's programmes for social and economic development and its drive to achieve regional and international economic cooperation. In his keynote address to the conference, King Hussein was careful to underline Jordan's economic strategy and its profound belief in pan-Arab economic integration. He laid stress to the need for continued and stepped up cooperation among Arab states which is essential for implementing the national five-year plans for the East as well as the West Banks of Jordan. Jordan which has always remained as the staunchest Arab advocate of pan-Arab cooperation now pledges to escalate such cooperation that could lead to integration and a strong Arab stance. For this reason, Jordan hopes that Arab financial institutions will extend aid to this country in help it carry out projects for the West as well as the East Bank. Jordan is striving to help the Arab people of Palestine to maintain their steadfastness in the face of the Israeli aggression, and for this reason, it hopes to acquire Arab and foreign help to implement its economic and social programmes for the occupied Arab territories. This programme will not serve as a substitute for a comprehensive solution for the Palestine problem but only a means for helping the people to resist occupation hardships.

Sawt Al Shaab: Defending national, economic gains

IN his keynote address to Jordan's national development conference, King Hussein emphasised the fact that Jordan was seeking to maintain its strong armed forces to defend economic and social development in the country. He said that though social and economic development are required for the Kingdom, a strong shield is needed to defend development and also to serve the national causes and help the country shoulder its national commitment. For Jordan to achieve that goal, the King said, that inter-Arab cooperation is required and coordination is needed under the umbrella of the Arab League which can help cement solidarity among Arab states. Jordan seeks to build its economy in close cooperation with regional and international organisations and in close coordination with Arab countries and with help and backing from Arab and international institutions. The King, in reference to the projected five-year national development plan for the occupied West Bank, said that Arab countries are called on to extend a helping hand to their brothers under Israeli rule to enable them to resist occupation and Israel's arbitrary and repressive measures. For the future to be ensured and the five-year plan to be implemented, King Hussein said, the Kingdom has to develop its water resources and agriculture because he said both of these form the backbone of the national economy.

Nuclear energy: Man ought to find alternative to this time-bomb

By Dr. Waleed Sa'di

SCIENTISTS theorise that some 65 million years ago, an astronomical catastrophe occurred ending life or the seeds of life on earth as we know it today. An asteroid the size of a giant comet collided with the Earth then generated a huge dust cloud and debris that caused a period of darkness that lasted over three years, these scientists think. The blockage of sunlight made photosynthesis virtually impossible and the resulting collapse of the food chain led to the worldwide extinction of the dinosaurs and many other life forms. Such devastating climatic changes which was triggered off by that comet some 65 million years ago is exactly what worries scientists today. They fear that a nuclear war between the super powers, for example, could trigger off a nuclear winter with consequences identical to the results of the collision of the comet with planet Earth 65 million years ago. The scenario which is advanced by scientists of any such nuclear war, is that nuclear explosions would release a cloud of dust and debris into the atmosphere and beyond to such an extent as to prevent sun rays and energy associated with them from reaching the surface of our planet, thus obliterating life in due course. For this very reason, nuclear weapons have acquired a new and ominous dimension unparalleled in the past.

But while the eyes of humanity have focused on nuclear weapons, attention has been deviated from the other dangers associated with the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Thus, whereas the psyche of man has grown to reject nuclear weapons, it had, on the other hand, grown to accept the peaceful uses of nuclear energy as genuinely harmless and not likely to jeopardise life and environment on our planet. This is most unfortunate as the events over the last few decades vividly and unequivocally demonstrate that there is a tremendous danger that looms low and high over life and environment on Earth. The series of incidents, mishaps and accidents which occurred at nuclear plants all over the world should awaken mankind to the real danger associated with nuclear plants. The incident at the U.S. Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Middletown, Pennsylvania, which occurred in 1979, was a reminder that accidents at nuclear plants were potentially great and could occur even in the most advanced and sophisticated nations in the world. That incident, albeit causing no loss of life, was nevertheless considered a major accident as radioactive gases had escaped through the plant's venting system and a large hydrogen gas bubble had formed on the top of the reactor containment vessel. The cleanup procedure lasted four years.

But the worst ever accident at nuclear plants occurred last April at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Soviet Union. Although the full extent of the contamination caused by the Chernobyl accident has yet to be measured and gauged fully, there is already awesome

confirmation that the radiation released from the Chernobyl accident equals all the radiation released by all the atmospheric nuclear tests and nuclear bombs detonated thus far. This cataclysmic finding is most shocking especially when one reads such findings in proper perspective and recalls that man has been endeavouring to put an end to nuclear weapon testing for so long. And when one suddenly discovers that that ambitious goal in nuclear disarmament equals in magnitude and dimension to a mere one accident at a nuclear plant such discovery is indeed most shocking.

As is well known the two most common radioactive particles to escape from reactor fuel are caesium-137 which tends to lodge in muscle tissue and iodine-131, a more dangerous type that is easily absorbed by thyroid glands. This was the case also with regard to the Chernobyl accident and the two radioactive particles released from that plant will stay active for years after they have been emitted, and accordingly they will increase eventually the risk of cancer.

It is also noteworthy to recall that the Chernobyl accident revealed that effect of accidents at nuclear plants and the effect of their radiation know no borders and many countries are normally affected by the radiation released. This realisation made European countries all the more concerned and fearful as the number of nuclear plants in Europe mushroomed to such an extent as to endanger life and environment all over the continent, irrespective of where an accident may occur in any European country.

What is puzzling in this context is that whereas most developed countries, which enjoy high technological capabilities, have recently put a freeze on future construction and deployment of nuclear plants because of the Chernobyl accident, one notices that developing countries are continuing their programmes for deployment of nuclear plants as efficient and economical sources of energy and appear to be totally callous about the human and environmental dimensions of such plants. In their quest for economic growth and swift industrialisation, developing countries seem to have maintained the order-de-jour of "full steam ahead" with nuclear energy as if totally oblivious of the lessons of Chernobyl. What is worse for developing countries in this context is the fact that they fatally lack a harmony between their mechanical and intellectual high technology. Thus, the probabilities for the occurrence of accidents in developing countries are magnified to such an extent as to render nuclear plants as extremely dangerous alternate sources of energy. Yet the construction of nuclear plants in developing countries have become the mode of the century and in relatively short time, nuclear plants will rise all over the developing countries. And if this trend continues and the seeming indifference to the actual dangers to life and

environment persist, then the moment will arrive when man must begin to reckon with the danger of contamination from nuclear plants, radiation rather than from nuclear bombs.

As man's ingenuity had succeeded in the past to discover nuclear energy as an alternate source of energy, one would presume that the same human brain can, with determination propelled by urgent need, succeed in finding another source of energy. The promising and most talked about alternate is the solar energy. Till this day, the practical application of solar energy has been minimal. But the energy is there for exploration and application. Very soon in man's history, humanity must find other viable forms of energy of the kind that would not pose danger to life and environment. When such a quest succeeds, and it will succeed eventually, then such a feat could become the stepping stone for the deployment of the safer form of energy in many areas where nuclear energy is now being used. Let mankind forget, it was only last month that a Soviet nuclear submarine went under in the Atlantic complete with its many nuclear warheads and reactors intact. What calamity had hit the Atlantic Ocean has yet to be known. Many years ago, an American nuclear submarine also went under and till this day the extent of the danger generated by that accident had yet to be calculated in full. If more nuclear subs go under in our oceans and seas, what will ever happen to marine life and eventually to human life, has also to be completely gauged. The eventual pollution of the oceans and seas, which constitute two-thirds of the surface of our planet Earth, with radiation from nuclear submarines is too awesome to even think about. When man will learn to realign his priorities is upmost on the minds of historians and scientists.

And as if nuclear submarines are not enough, artificial satellites powered by nuclear energy had begun to fall down right over our heads. How can anyone forget the Soviet artificial satellite that fell over Canada? Fortunately the radiation released by that satellite was minimal, but the next that could fall could bring with it much more danger.

The moral of all these events and accidents is that man has no option except to develop alternative sources of energy which are more acceptable to man and his environment. As long as the use of nuclear energy continues to be lawful, man will not be forced to develop an alternate source and form of energy. Perhaps the road to safer world is to outlaw the use of nuclear energy within a span of time not exceeding ten years. A treaty could be drafted and negotiated along these lines in order to give effect to this proposal. Man simply may have no other option.

Israeli untouchables: Criminals are those who talk to Palestinians

By Michal Schwartz

ON August 5, the Israeli Knesset adopted Amendment No. 4 to the Prevention of Terror Act. Following a marathon session, the Knesset legislated that any Israeli citizen or resident who meets, in Israel or abroad, a person who holds a post in any of the organisations declared by the Israeli state to be "terrorist," commits an offence carrying a penalty of three years in jail.

Jews or Palestinian Arabs from Israel (the occupied territories are already taken care of by the Emergency Regulations), are now forbidden to meet Palestinians whom they have reason to suspect of belonging to one of the many Palestinian organisations, be it a students' or doctors' union, women's, journalists' or writers' association, whether for a friendly conversation or a heated argument, whether as part of an international convention, or in a library, a supermarket, or even socially. In its first version the law outlawed even meetings between close relatives, doctors and patients, lawyers and clients, and journalists and interviewees; these obviously ridiculous provisions were later amended to give it a more credible appearance. But even in its "revised" form the law simply can't be enforced.

New U.S. Congress likely to oppose Reagan on contras

By Sue Baker
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Opposition Democrats, now firmly in control of both houses of the U.S. Congress, are unlikely seriously to challenge President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme but may seek to bar covert funding for Nicaragua's contra rebels.

In Nov. 4 elections the Democrats won control of the Senate, ending six years of Republican domination and gaining the power to set the legislative agenda. The party also increased its majority in the House of Representatives.

Democrats quickly pledged cooperation rather than confrontation with Reagan during his last two years in office, but there were hints of a challenge over Central America and, to a lesser extent, arms control.

"In Central America there won't be any secret war being carried out," said Sen. Robert Byrd, a Democrat who is virtually assured of winning the Senate's top job — majority leader — in the new Congress beginning in January.

"There won't be any under-the-table or back-door funding from the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) or anywhere else," he told reporters.

Byrd refused to say if he would lead a move to prevent further open U.S. funding for the contras, who are fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government, once the current \$100 million of military and other aid runs out. Senate aides say there is unlikely to be any effort to block that funding because many Democratic senators are sympathetic to the contra cause, but close attention will be paid to preventing deep U.S. involvement in Central America.

"We want to keep our boys ...

create a legal and political atmosphere in which any contacts with representatives of the Palestinian people are outlawed. The Lebanon war of 1982 tried to dehumanise the Palestinians, to make them into "two-legged animals," to quote the prime minister of the day. But spectacular meetings such as Uri Avneri's with Yasser Arafat in besieged Beirut proved that only Israeli obstinacy stood in the way of peace talks. So now, it seems, Israelis who are willing to meet, negotiate, or even to regard Palestinians as human beings have been transformed into criminals. The new law is part and parcel of a deal between Labour and the Likud whereby the latter would vote for an "anti-racist law," if Labour linked it to the "law against meetings," as it came to be called. The logic of this law was explained by MK Geula Cohen of the ultra-right Tehiya party: "Meetings with the PLO should take place in prison, or as when the Israeli air force met them in Tunis," she said. It thus retroactively sanctions the Lebanon war that attempted to settle the Palestinian question once and for all by military means. It was passed with the united votes of the Likud, the religious parties, Shinui and Labour, except for one Shinui and five Labour doves who preferred to vote against it with the opposition, and one who left in protest.

The new law has attracted severe criticism in Israeli liberal quarters, who point out that such a law has no equivalent in any democratic country, because it stands in total contravention of the basic norms of any penal code, which assumes that an offence is an action whereby a crime is committed, or an action that aims to commit a crime, or aid one, prepare for one, etc. Not so this law. It forbids any meeting with the PLO regardless of any offence committed, or the intention of so doing. Amendment No. 4 is all the more dubious in view of the fact that Israeli legislators are well prepared for the possibility of an Israeli citizen meeting foreign agents in order to commit an offence, having already passed an impressive stock of laws for all such eventualities.

Article 114 of Israel's penal code dealing with contacts with

foreign agents was amended in 1979 on Menachem Begin's initiative. The term "foreign agents" was changed to "anyone regarding whom there is a reasonable basis to suspect that he is a member of a terrorist organisation or connected to it or acts on its behalf." The so-called Tamir Law (Article Four of the Prevention of Terror Act) even goes as far as forbidding any manifestation of "sympathy and identification with a terrorist organisation," such as singing songs, waving flags and using slogans or symbols. Countless Palestinian youths have been sent to Israeli prisons because of this catch-all law. The only problem with all these laws was not legal but political: they regarded the PLO simply as a terrorist organisation and ignored the fact that not only the whole Palestinian people but the international

community at large has recognised the PLO as a national liberation movement. In fact the PLO now has diplomatic relations with more countries than Israel.

According to Professor Feller, of the law faculty of the Hebrew University, and an adviser to the Knesset's law committee, the only purpose of the new law "is to impose on the Israeli public a political view according to which peace negotiations with the representatives of the Palestinian people are illegitimate. This being the case, why not declare that only those parties that agree with the political logic of the law are legitimate..."

This law attempts not only to cut off the Palestinians, living in Israel and the occupied territories from the PLO, but threatens the few Israeli parties who regularly meet PLO officials in order to advance peace negotiations.

While the defiant response of Israel's Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Progressive List for Peace was "Let them build more prisons," it has met mostly with apathy in liberal Zionist quarters, even from those opposed to it. The reason is that they too share the view that the PLO is a terrorist organisation, and are not keen to meet officials from it, even though they disagree with the law. While Israel's renewed effort to delegitimise the PLO will not prevent the peace movement from meeting with PLO representatives, it will further harden Israel's refusal to recognise the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to negotiate with the PLO. In so doing, it sounds the trumpets of the next war — Middle East International, London.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE NAUR - DEAD SEA ROAD PROJECT NO. 4/87

The Ministry of Public Works (MPW) in Jordan intends to construct the road connecting Naur to Suwaimah Junction. The project is partially financed by USAID under grant agreement No. 278-0271.

The MPW is hereby inviting (American/Jordanian) consultants in joint venture or association to submit prequalification forms and documents according to the following conditions:

1. Only joint ventures or associations of American and Jordanian consultants are invited. The prequalification submission shall state the role of each party in carrying out the technical services required.
2. The scope of work includes supervision of construction of Naur - Dead Sea Road which consists of the construction of a main highway (26) Km long 4-lane divided highway and (15) Km long 2-lane highway. The road is divided into (3) sections, construction of each will be awarded under a separate contract. The central section requires special land stabilisation techniques. Contract for the supervision (Tender No. 4/87) of the whole road will be awarded in about January 1987.
3. Interested American/Jordanian (joint ventures or associations) may obtain the prequalification forms either from Gail Warshaw, AID/W, ANE/PD, Room No. 3320 A, Telephone No. 647-4907, Washington D.C. or from the Government Tenders Directorate, Ministry of Public Works, P.O. Box 1220, Amman - Jordan.
4. The prequalification forms with all relevant documentation shall be submitted to the Director, Government Tenders Directorate, P.O. Box 1220, Amman - Jordan, Telex 21944 MPW JO, Amman. Submission of forms shall be not later than 12:00 noon of Saturday, December 20, 1986.
5. The nature of Section III of the project, requires special experience in supervising construction of roads under similar geological conditions, therefore, special emphasis on this type of experience will be necessary for consideration.
6. Supporting documentation of all entries shall be submitted with the prequalification forms. Evaluation of prequalification shall be based on the submitted documents.

Chairman, Central Tenders Committee,
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Ministry of Public Works/Jordan Government Tenders Directorate Invitation for Prequalification of Contractors Naur - Dead Sea Road Project No. 1/87, 2/99, 3/97

The Ministry of Public Works in Jordan intends to construct the road connecting Naur to Suwaimah Junction and the Yarmouk Rama Road. The project is partially financed by USAID under AID Grant Project No. (278-0271).

The MPW is hereby inviting American contractors, Jordanian contractors, and American/Jordanian joint ventures of contractors according to the following conditions:

1. Project Description
The project consists of the construction of a main highway (26) Km long 4-lane divided highway and (15) Km long 2-lane highway.
The project for the purposes of tendering is divided into (3) sections each will be awarded under a separate contract, the central section of which requires special landslide stabilisation techniques. Tenders are expected to be issued for each phase separately starting about Feb. 1, 1987. Issuance of these is based on the completion of the IFB tender documents. Construction of all sections is scheduled for completion by December 1989, each contract provides for a construction period of two years.
2. Interested road contractors or joint ventures may obtain the prequalification forms either from Gail Warshaw, AID/W, ANE/PD, Room No. 3320 A, Telephone No. 647-4907, Washington D.C. or from the Government Tenders Directorate, Ministry of Public Works, P.O. Box 1220, Amman, Jordan.
3. Companies and joint ventures will be prequalified according to their technical, administrative and financial capabilities, equipment ownership, past experience in roads and bridges project, their present work load and performance.
4. The nature of construction of Section III of the project, requires experience in constructing roads under similar geological conditions, therefore, special emphasis on this type of experience will be necessary for consideration.
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Jordan Development Conference

World, European and Islamic banks pledge to assist Jordan's five-year plan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Sunday received pledges of support and assistance in carrying out its 1986-1990 Five-Year National Development Plan from the European Investment Bank (EIB), the World Bank and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

In statements to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, delegates representing these institutions said Jordan had fully benefited from earlier loans and carried out successful projects and therefore is expected to put up a good economic performance in the coming five years.

Future protocols

Mr. P. Pettovich, head of the Mediterranean Department of the EIB, said in a statement that the bank will fully honour protocols concluded with Jordan for financing projects included in the five-year plan.

The existing protocols are only

valid until the end of this year, but the two sides will shortly sign new protocols on financing projects for the coming five years, Mr. Pettovich said.

Mr. W. Wapenhans, vice president at the World Bank in Washington, said that the bank is willing to participate in the programme and will provide help for Jordan to enable it carry out the five-year plan projects. World Bank contributions to Jordan's development plans amounted to \$100 million last year, Mr. Wapenhans said. He added that a similar amount will be provided in future years. He said that the 1986-1990 five-year plan represents a realistic response to the needs of the country and the ever-changing economic situation. He expressed the view that the coming five-year plan will be "much more difficult" than the previous one.

Mr. Wapenhans said that Jordan's economic performance was good and the country has

benefited fully from the various loans it acquired from other sources in earlier plans.

Dr. Ahmad Ali, chairman of the board of directors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), told Petra that the IDB is ready to help finance projects in the five-year plan. IDB specialists have made a full study of the projects in the plan and are convinced that they are quite beneficial, not only for Jordan but also for the Arab region as a whole, Dr. Ali said.

Projects in the occupied territories

The IDB has been endeavouring to support the steadfastness of the Arab people under Israeli occupation and has been contributing to numerous projects to that end, especially building schools, health centres and social institutions; and together with Arab financial institutions, helped carry out

economic projects in the Israeli held territories, Dr. Ali recalled. He said that the IDB will be ready to extend further help to the Arab people in the occupied territories to enhance their steadfastness in the face of Israeli measures.

Referring to Jordanian projects in which IDB has contributed so far, Dr. Ali said that IDB provided \$458 million to finance Jordan's trade, technical and development projects as well as the water and sewerage projects in the Zarqa region.

In industry, he said, the IDB provided \$36 million to finance fertilizer, potash and oil projects; another \$21 million to build schools and a housing estate in the Kingdom. IDB also provided \$57 million for the development of the Aqaba railway and is currently studying the prospect of financing other projects, Dr. Ali added.

Dr. Elias Saba, board chairman of the United Construction Bank of Lebanon, said that Jordan was

exerting strenuous efforts for achieving economic integration among Arab countries. He said that the new plan provided for projects that reflect Jordan's ambitions for development in line with regional and international economic developments.

Earlier promises of continuing cooperation

On Saturday, six Arab and foreign countries and financial institutions pledged to continue their financial and technical cooperation with Jordan to help it carry out its five-year development plan for the East as well as the West Bank.

Pledges were given during the first working session of the present conference on Jordan's development plans entitled "Towards strengthening Intra-Regional and International Cooperation."

Making the pledges were: the

United States, the United Kingdom, the World Bank, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development and the Islamic Development Bank. Their representatives said that they will contribute financially and technically to the schemes.

The five-year plan was presented to the first working session by Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan who said that the overall goals of the plan were 5.1 per cent annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP) and five per cent annual growth in gross national product (GNP). Dr. Kanaan expects the average per capita income to rise at an annual rate of 1.2 per cent during the five year period.

The majority of participants agreed that the plan was very comprehensive, clear and accurate in terms of its socio-economic goals, investment framework and strategies.

Crown Prince chairs working session on regional, international cooperation

By Najwa Najjar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Sunday morning chaired the second working session of the first conference on Jordan's development which reviewed intra-regional and international cooperation. The session concentrated on Jordan's development role in the Arab region and Jordan's Arab and European role.

The Crown Prince suggested some points and arenas for discussion in regional and international cooperation. He focused on possibilities of collaboration in the field of technology transfer and means to accomplish such transfer. Prince Hassan touched on areas of trade cooperation, installing joint projects to create further exchange, barter trade and industrial integration. Industries which represent the basic infrastructure for this integration are the engineering, petrochemical, and fertilizer industries, he noted, adding that cooperation must take into account cooperation accords such as those between Jordan and both the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the European Community (EC).

After the Crown Prince's opening remarks, participants discussed the development plan and noted that regional and international cooperation is bound to ensure greater success for the development programmes it includes. In addition, they noted that the plan has a regional dimension in the areas of manpower, trade, joint projects and funding, and it has an international dimension relating to scientific and technological projects, research and development of the projects and funding of joint projects and trade.

The first paper of the working session dealt with Jordan's economic relations with other Arab countries, especially those in West Asia. It presented Jordan's role in promoting, through the complementary use of resources, regional economic cooperation and self-reliance. The Kingdom is qualified to maintain and expand its pivotal economic role in the region in the light of its characteristics, namely, its well-educated and skilled manpower, liberal external economic policy, encouragement of private initiative, the government role in providing public services and adequate infrastructure, political and social stability, diversified economy, and geographic location, the paper said.

The following areas of regional economic cooperation were highlighted: Regional institutions: Jordan plays an active role in the establishment and operation of regional institutions and hosts a number of specialised agencies and United Nations regional offices.

Trade: In the 1980's Jordan's trade has increased with Arab countries accounting for half of Jordan's exports and one-fourth of its imports. The new development plan aims at promoting Jordan's regional trade.

Transit trade: Due to its central location in the region, Jordan encouraged transit trade and established joint transport companies with other Arab countries particularly, Syria, Iraq and Egypt.

Manpower: Jordanian workers in the Gulf countries have contributed immensely in the regional resource exchange and cooperation. The new economic realities in the region require the training of new skills in order to maintain cooperation in labour employment an active and growing area.

Investment: Jordan provides generous incentives to Arab and foreign investors. It hosts many Arab joint and bilateral projects and regional offices of foreign firms.

Finance: Jordan has a well-developed financial structure which contributes to the smooth flow of goods and capital among Arab countries. In addition to mobilising domestic resources, Jordan made use of available funds in the region to finance its development projects.

Cultural activities: Amman has increasingly become a convenient meeting place for many regional and international cultural gatherings and their regular activities.

The second paper said that Jordan, by virtue of its merits and attributes, could play a catalytic role in inter-regional and international cooperation and it presented the geopolitical and socio-economic factors involved.

The geopolitical factors were listed as Jordan's comprehensive membership in sub-regional divisions of the Middle East area as part of Greater Syria, the fertile crescent, the Red Sea zone, and its accessibility to the Arabian peninsula and the Mediterranean. The tension-ridden Middle Eastern region provide ample evidence of Jordan's political sobriety, positive approach and moderation, according to the paper presented to the session. The peace process, as viewed by Jordan, cannot be guaranteed without a clear-cut improvement in inter-regional and international economic cooperation, it continued as Jordan's potential in playing a central role is substantiated by objective considerations.

It was noted that internal socio-economic factors show that Jordan qualifies to play a prospective regional role. Other than the fact that Jordan has achieved one of the most prestigious rates of growth among Third World countries since World War II, it has also demonstrated a convincing ability to cope with business cycles, according to one paper. The new established bases of inter-alla-

political and social stability guaranteed by benevolent and resilient leadership, a talented and educated population, social mobility afforded by political and social tolerance and a clean record of regional and international cooperation could further inter-regional and international cooperation, the paper said.

The discussion then shifted to highlight Jordan's regional and international economic relations with special emphasis on the Kingdom's relations with the GCC and the EC. Jordan's relations with the EC are long established and were cemented by two major agreements (Al Mashrek agreements in 1977 and 1983). The relation is still in favour of the EC and thus the EC must show willingness to cooperate with Jordan on an inter-regional level, according to a working paper presented to the session.

Jordan's economic relations with the GCC have been affected by the recent decline in oil prices and in order to curb any possible ill-effects, participant suggested moves towards inter-regional cooperation. Nine proposals on schemes or programmes from the current five year plan which could be carried out by the EC and/or the OECD on one hand and the GCC on the other with the active participation of Jordan were suggested as follows:

- a centre for high-tech services;
- development of the extended Sinai region (south of Jordan, Sinai desert and Northern Saudi Arabia);
- an oil and gas pipeline network via Jordan;
- fertilizer and chemical industries;
- engineering industries;
- counter-trade companies;
- major tourist projects;
- proficient training on specialised high-tech skills;
- graduate studies university.

These projects were selected on the basis that they meet the existing needs and could be of mutual interest to the parties involved. It was noted that these schemes could also promote and augment the inter-regional and international cooperation which Jordan is hoping to achieve.

Contributing to the discussions of the working session were Dr. Hanna Odeh, Minister of Finance (Amman); Dr. Ali Ahmad Attiga, secretary general, OPEC (Kuwait); Dr. Abdullah Al Kuwaiz, assistant secretary general of economic affairs, GCC (Riyadh); Dr. Michael Hoffman, Institute for Development Policy (Berlin); Dr. Yusef, under secretary of the State of Planning Organisation (Ankara); Dr. Galal Amin, professor of economics and political science (Cairo); Dr. I.G. Patel, director of the London School of Economics (London); Mr. Romano Lantini, representative of the Commission of the European Communities (Amman) and Mr. Burhan Dajani, secretary general, Union of Arab Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (Beirut).

Jordan allocates JD 10m to occupied territories

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dumping Israeli-made products in the markets there. "The occupied territories have become a reservoir of labour force for the Israeli economy," Dr. Kanaan said and drew parallels between the situation in the West Bank and Gaza and the situation in South Africa where the white minority regime is using cheap black labour in high-yield industries.

The minister also noted that the occupied territories constituted a major market, second only to U.S. market, for Israeli products. "The West Bank and Gaza have also become a hostage market for Israel to dump its goods, mostly inferior," Dr. Kanaan said.

The minister explained that the occupied territories' economy was subservient to the Israeli economy because of the Jewish state's organised campaign aimed at exactly such a goal. He cited Israel's restrictions on Arab-owned industries and curbs on exports of Arab products from the West Bank and Gaza.

"Therefore, policies to facilitate the export of produce of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip constitute an essential element of the programme and the Jordanian approach," he said.

Following the review, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who chaired the session, gave the floor to the participants to discuss the programme. Most of the speakers, many of them from the West Bank and Gaza, supported the programme but some raised questions and voiced criticism over some aspects of the plan.

Dr. Yusef Sayegh, a well-known Palestinian economist, raised a number of questions relating to the political-economic dimensions of the plan.

In the beginning, however, the Beirut-based economist praised the plan itself describing it as "a very well integrated and thoughtful and organised programme which has a high level of internal consistency and a credibility."

Dr. Sayegh said he agreed with the economic goals of the programme but raised three queries concerning its implementation:

- Considering the evident and well-established Israeli policies that have imposed dependency and many negative effects on the population of the occupied territories, and the systematic Israeli moves to obstruct and development that is more than marginal, how could an ambitious, well-integrated and sizeable programme be launched under the nose of the occupation authorities?

- Considering the fact that the Palestinians in the occupied territories and their brothers of the East Bank constitute one close and coherent entity, where does the PLO fit in? And, by projection, where does the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee fit in as part of the machinery in the design, implementation and follow-up of the programme?

- In the absence of national sovereignty in the occupied territories, how will local efforts,

mainly by voluntary agencies, fill the gap? And how broad a base of Palestinian participation and involvement can be expected?

"In this connection, I would like to commend the reference in the programme to the possibility of joint action with relation to (the proposed) Al Quds Open University," Dr. Sayegh said.

This opens up other possibilities that deserve exploration," he added.

Dr. Sayegh also expressed appreciation to the Jordanian government's determination to launch the programme but raised more queries and observations on ways and means to find the resources necessary for the five-year programme. Dr. Sayegh's observations were directed at the Arab and Western countries' ability to finance the programme.

As far as the Arab World is concerned, Dr. Sayegh said, a more moderate arms import policy will provide adequate financial support not only for the five-year but also for Syria — "the frontline country" which is seriously attempting to narrow the strategic imbalance between itself and Israel."

He pointed out that arms imports into the Arab region averaged over \$13 billion a year since 1972.

"Most of the arms imported are on the whole being stock-piled while the occupied territories are the only vital front that is still active and hot in the Arab World," Dr. Sayegh said.

He cast doubts on the readiness of Britain, West Germany and the U.S. to support the objectives of the programme.

"I single out Great Britain — which left us with the disastrous legacy of Zionist occupation — West Germany — which has provided Israel and world Zionism with enormous financial aid (totalling about \$4 billion marks, according to official statements) — and finally the U.S., which showers financial as well as military, political and economic largess on Israel," Dr. Sayegh said.

"Is it legitimate, Your Highness, for us to expect a modest contribution from these three states?" he asked.

In reply to Dr. Sayegh's queries, Prince Hassan pointed out that since 1967 Jordan has been committed to offer continuous moral and material support to the people of the occupied territories.

On the position of the expected financiers of the plan, the Crown Prince referred to an official statement issued by the U.S. last July in which the American administration defined its position vis-a-vis the plan. The statement said that the U.S. considered the programme favourably but that "it did not constitute a replacement for an active peace process."

Prince Hassan noted that the U.S. had then allocated \$4.5 million as complementary to, but separate from, the U.S. aid programme for the occupied territories.

The Crown Prince also

reviewed the positions of both Israel and the PLO on the plan. He said that according to press and other reports the current Israeli government headed by the right-wing Likud bloc, was inclined to obstruct the programme.

He also noted that moderate Israelis like Meiron Benvenisti, a renowned expert on occupied territories affairs, has also criticised the plan on the basis that "it finances occupation."

Speaking about the PLO's position, Prince Hassan recalled a statement made by a senior Palestinian official when the plan was introduced last summer. The PLO official was quoted as saying: "The Palestinians cannot be bought." The same PLO official charged that the plan "was in line with American attempts to create an alternative Palestinian leadership."

Commenting on the PLO official's remarks, the Crown Prince said: "We are not inviting anyone to be bought or sold but we are emphasising the legitimate sense of self-defence and a demographic alternative to the possibility of forced movement of people from the occupied territories."

In its statements the PLO has refrained from directly attacking the programme but criticised Jordan for trying to implement the plan outside the framework of the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee.

However it has implied that the programme was aimed at undermining its strength in the occupied territories and called for a return to channelling funds to the occupied territories through the joint committee only.

In a press conference last Friday, Dr. Kanaan said that the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee was still "functional" but it lacked funds. He expressed hope that Jordan would be able to secure funds for both the committee and the plan.

In what appeared as a reply to the PLO's criticism, the Crown Prince said Saturday: "Those who refuse to play the game should not set the rules."

He added that as he remembered "joint planning (with the PLO) on the programme goes back to a year and a half ago."

Prince Hassan said that an invitation was extended to the PLO representative in Amman, Brigadier Abdul Razaq Al Yahya, who did not attend because he was participating in a Romanian-sponsored dialogue with Israeli left-wingers.

In reviewing the positions of the parties involved in the plan, the Prince also referred to a rejection by the Arab Thought Forum in Jerusalem "of the plan and any U.S. design to improve the quality of life or an Israeli type of Marshall plan."

Jordanian economists who support the plan argue that the plan would prevent Israel from seeking funds in the future under the pretext of improving the quality of life in the occupied territories within the framework of a projected Marshall plan for the Middle East.

Randa Habib's Corner

Living in the rain

RAIN, at least in our part of the world, is a blessing. And blessed we have been. It has been raining now for the past three days. Yet, what confuses me is how people react to rain. They simply panic and in their panic they cause accidents and traffic jams. Not only accidents and jams on the slippery roads of Amman, but also at every supermarket, gasoline station, grocery shop and the like.

Suddenly everybody seems to be in a desperate need of something. Gasoline stations are flooded with calls from people who urgently want diesel for their heaters. Others rush to the nearest bakery to purchase loads of bread, cookies and English cakes. Others rush the green grocer or the supermarket and run away with enough supplies to feed a whole army.

Why do people rush for supplies? When you ask them, they answer that the rain might last for a long period of time and that it might even snow. So what? We have a full season of winter when we expect and hope for rain. It also snows sometimes in Amman. But all this does not mean that people will be confined to their homes without being able to get out. I don't recall any supermarket, vegetable shop or bakery, closing because of bad weather. So, what is the problem?

Some people living in isolated areas may get stuck for one or two days in snowy spells but these are very rare. The fact is that bad weather has a very strange effect on us. People cancel appointments, when it rains; some parents do not send their children to school; others limit their social gatherings or avoid to move unless in urgent cases.

It is high time that we got used to cold weather, how to drive in it and live with it.

Parliament voices total support

(Continued from page 1)

independence and management in order to ensure justice for all people," said the Lower House.

Commenting on Jordan's information policy, both houses supported the King's call for responsible freedom of press in accordance with the Jordanian Constitution. "We need an objective and advanced media that adheres to responsible freedom and leaves the door open for objective opinions without abhorring the Kingdom's policies and threatening its national security," Mr. Lawzi said. "We call for more professional honesty and objectivity in securing information from the right and confined sources."

The Lower House said it backed His Majesty's stand that the country needed an enlightened information system capable of defending the national gains against all those who are trying to defame the country. "We need an information system that is able to stand up to Zionist-sponsored campaigns against the Arab citizen and the picturing of legitimate Arab struggle as demagoguery and terrorism both of which are constantly condemned by the Arab Nation irrespective of source and origin," said the house.

Tackling terrorism as a separate issue, the Senate said: "We are with Your Majesty's government in confronting terrorism and demagoguery which have surfaced in the globe without differentiating between legitimate struggle, cowardice and stabbing in the back." The Senate denounced terrorism and pledged further support for the Kingdom's cooperation and coordination with Arab and other countries in efforts towards combating terrorism.

Both chambers hailed the Kingdom's efforts towards liberating the Israeli-occupied lands and to secure comprehensive peace in the area based on U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

The two houses reiterated Jordan's constants vis-a-vis the Palestine problem and said the Senate's reply that the Kingdom "will never be a substitute for the PLO, or a representative of the Palestinian people. Jordan will only work in accordance with the resolution of the 1974 Rabat summit and in coordination with Arab as well as friendly and peace-loving states to achieve a durable solution to the Palestine problem."

While the Senate voiced its total support for Jordan's drive to strengthen the steadfastness of the Palestinian people living under occupation through "effective, organised and comprehensive" development, the Lower House emphasised the inseparable unity of the East and West Banks and their people.

"Although the Senate is well aware of the agreement between Arab states and the PLO on the principle of strengthening the steadfastness of the Palestinians, we call for a united regional approach towards consolidating steadfastness without false claims or pretensions," said the Upper House.

The Lower House said it "will cooperate with the government

towards achieving all aspirations of our people in general, the development plans for both banks, programmes to support the steadfastness of our brethren in the occupied parts of our land and maintain the Arab Palestinian identity in the Palestinian land in particular."

Both houses pledged support for the King's constant initiatives aimed at restoring Arab solidarity and reviving a unified pan-Arab stand through contacts with other Arab leaders.

"Our sister Egypt has a historical role to play in bolstering Arab efforts and defending the rights of the Arab Nation. Egypt has a right to return as an active member in this comprehensive Arab system," said the Senators in their reply to the speech from the throne.

"We are with the government's regional policy that aims at cementing stronger cooperation and coordination with brotherly Arab states in general and with Egypt, Syria and Iraq in particular," the Lower House replied.

On Jordan's cooperation with Arab countries, the deputies thanked Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) for their stand towards Jordan and support for the Kingdom's steadfastness.

The Upper and Lower Houses expressed regret over the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war and voiced the Kingdom's total support for Iraq.

The Senate hailed the Kingdom's policy towards achieving pan-Arab economic and social integration through the exchange of expertise, joint Arab projects, coordination among professional and business associations and creating investment facilities for private and public Arab investments in Jordan.

"Jordan has achieved numerous gains and achievements in areas related to services and comprehensive development, which in turn have given the Kingdom international respect and trust and set Jordan as a leading example for Third World development," said the deputies.

The Senators said that any appraisal of the country's gains and achievements clearly proved that His Majesty's "wise leadership has led the country to achieve national security, comfort and stability, adherence to law, respect to judicial power, high standards of health, educational and social services, care for youth and Awqaf and rapid development in the Kingdom's rural and urban areas including the fields of water, electricity, telecommunications, roads and airports."

Both chambers also vowed to continue close coordination among the executive and legislative powers in accordance with the framework of constitutionalised Parliament.

Attending the meetings on Sunday at the Royal Court were Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Iln Zaid and Royal Court Secretary General Bassam Al Saket.

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Napoli downs Juventus, climbs to league lead

ROME (R) — Napoli inflicted an historic 3-1 defeat on Juventus Sunday to take the lead at the top of the Italian League for the first time this season and complete a week of disappointment for the Turin side.

Napoli, whose goals all came in the last 18 minutes after repeated attempts by Argentine Diego Maradona had been saved, had not beaten Juventus in Turin for 29 years.

Juventus' first league defeat this season, was a repeat of Napoli's last winning score at the Stadio Communale in 1957.

Juventus, knocked out of the European Cup on penalties by Spain's Real Madrid on Wednesday, was initially boosted by the recovery of Danish striker Michael Laudrup from a groin strain.

Laudrup scored Sunday five

minutes after the interval, collecting a ball punched away by goalkeeper Claudio Garella after a dangerous shot by Juventus captain Antonio Cabrini.

But the 1985 league champion was obviously tired after its exhausting 120 minutes against Real Madrid and that became even more apparent as the second half progressed.

Goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi had saved three shots from Maradona early in the game but he was unable to reach a ball from defender Moreno Ferrario in the 72nd minute.

The score was level and just 60

seconds later, striker Bruno Giordano had put Napoli 2-1 ahead.

Napoli, unbeaten in the league this year and chasing its first domestic title, clinched its triumph when defender Giuseppe Volpescina scored in the closing seconds.

Juventus is now two points behind Napoli and ahead of Internazionale Milan and Roma only on goal difference.

Internazionale preserved its unbeaten record at home with a 2-1 victory over Torino. The two teams, through to the third round of the UEFA Cup, are Italy's only survivors in European competition.

Striker Sandro Altobelli scored both Internazionale's goals, in the fourth and 48th minutes, taking his personal total to seven.

McEnroe edges Mecir for ECC victory

ANTWERP, Belgium (R) — Former World number one John McEnroe outlasted Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 to earn the winner's cheque of \$210,000 in the \$940,000 European Community Championships Sunday.

McEnroe's victory was the fourth of his comeback since taking a six-month break from the game, but he was pushed to the limit by his talented 22-year-old opponent until he was able to conjure up his old magic at the crucial stages.

Besides the winner's cheque, McEnroe placed a claim on a fabulous \$1 million gold and diamond-studded racket. Under the tournament's rules any



John McEnroe

player winning the title three times in five years is allowed to retain the trophy, identical to one which Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia won last year.

Real Madrid tops league

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid goalkeeper Francisco Buayo, whose brilliance in the penalty shoot-out helped knock Juventus out of the European Cup in midweek, pulled off another penalty 'save' Saturday night to help the Spanish champion back to the top of the First Division.

Real, 1-0 winner over Sevilla, took over the leadership from Barcelona who dropped its first point of the season at the Nou Camp Stadium in a patchy 0-0 draw with Real Zaragoza.

Freed from the cares of European competition until March, Real Madrid was determined to record its first win at Sevilla for 14 years.

Within half an hour Real was ahead. Midfielder Ricardo Gallego headed a Michel Gonzalez corner against the crossbar and rose again to head in

the rebound, nothing his side's first goal away from home in five matches.

Brimming with confidence, Real surged forward with a dazzling exhibition of one-touch football but it was left to Buayo, bought from Sevilla in the summer, to seal victory against his former teammates with a penalty save in the 59th minute.

Spanish international Francisco Lopez hit a text-book spot kick but Buayo was there to save and prove that luck had nothing to do with his two saves in the shoot-out in Turin.

Without injured Welsh striker Mark Hughes, Barcelona failed to find a way past a visiting defence for the first time this season, although goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta has still to concede a goal at the Nou Camp since joining the team this season.

Aussies tear English apart

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Australian left-arm test pacemen Bruce Reid and Chris Matthews tore the near test strength England lineup apart at the Waca Ground Sunday as the tourists collapsed in their first innings.

England made only 152 in the tumble of wickets and once again bared its inability to handle left arm pacemen on fast wickets. It was the 14th occasion in 1986 at home and abroad that England has been dismissed in a first class game for less than 200.

A stumps Sunday night, WA had an overall lead of 234 runs and the chance of sending England crashing again on the Waca strip, in what would be a first-test demoraliser.

The first test on the Gabba

starts in only five days and England still has to find a reliable opening pair after the failure Sunday of Will Slack.

Slack was out for only 15 and his partner Chris Broad made only 33 against a state attack.

At stumps Sunday night, WA was 2-111 with test opener Geoff Marsh 39 and Graeme Wood 16. Marsh had a let-off on 12 with another glaring dropped catch — as the ball went through the burley all-rounder's hands and legs to the fence.

England dropped six catches in the first innings in an undisciplined show by an international team.

England cricket manager Micky Stewart was critical of his experienced top order after its capitulation to Reid and Matthews.

"They have to apply discipline and select the ball to let go outside the off stump," he said.

But the evidence is that England had a glaring deficiency to the left-arm attack in Brisbane, Adelaide and now, Perth.

German fans, police clash

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — Some 250 rowdy soccer fans invaded the field during a soccer match in Munich, injuring 20 policemen in a clash in which both sides used tear gas, police said Sunday.

The fans attacked some 50 policemen, spraying tear gas, kicking the officers and beating them with sticks, police said. The 20 policemen injured in the clash were not seriously hurt.

Police then also used tear gas to disperse the rowdy fans and arrested seven people. Five were later released while two remained in custody to face charges.

The clash occurred during a Bavarian regional league match Saturday between the local Munich 1860 club and visiting Bayern.

The Munich fans invaded the field when their team went down 1-3 five minutes from time.

Japan takes PGA title

INAGI, Japan (AP) — Tsuneyuki Nakajima, firing a four-under-par 68, won the individual title by two strokes Sunday and helped Japan win the team championship in the \$900,000 World Championship of Golf.

Bernhard Langer of West Germany, also shooting a 68, finished second with a 272 total to Nakajima's 18-under-par 270, and his European team — an 8-4 loser to Japan in the team finals Sunday — ended up second too.

The Australia-New Zealand team beat the United States 11-1 for third place in the battle, which brought together six leading players from each of the four professional golf association tours. In team play, each match won counted two points and a tie gave each player one point.

3 fans become stars for a day

LONDON (R) — Three soccer fans became stars for the day when they left the terraces to play for an injury-stricken club managed by former England international Stuart Pearson.

One of the three had just had his lunch — two pints of beer and a pork pie — but it failed to affect his game.

Non-league side Northwich Victoria held top of the table Maidstone, who has high hopes of being elected to the football league in the near future, to a 1-1 draw Saturday.

Third from bottom Northwich could have won, the Maidstone score coming from an own goal from the home side's striker who had to play centre back because of the crisis.

Illness had left Northwich with only eight players and chairman Derek Nuttall appealed over the public address system to the 738-strong crowd: "Does anyone want a game?"

Edberg wins in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Top-seed Stefan Edberg crushed Mats Wilander 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 to win Sunday's all-Swedish singles final in the \$435,000 Stockholm Open-Scandinavian Tennis Championships.

It was the eighth career singles Grand Prix triumph for the 20-year-old Edberg. But despite winning the championship match of the world's oldest Grand Prix indoors, Wilander overtook the third spot from Edberg on the Association of Tennis Professionals' computer rankings.

Edberg, the Australian Open champ, dropped to fourth. Wilander, admittedly rusty after a two-month layoff, never got into the match. He was broken in the very first game and, during one spell starting in the second set, he lost 16 points in a row.

"I even played better than I did yesterday against (Henri) Leconte," said Edberg. "I didn't think I would be able to do that."

Edberg edged the French ace 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 in a serve-and-volley shootout Saturday while Wilander beat Guy Forget 6-2, 7-6 in the other Swedish-French semifinal.

Edberg played his usual brand



of aggressive tennis, serving powerfully and coming to the net whenever possible. But he also dominated from the back stripe — usually Wilander's turf — winning several rallies.

The victory was worth \$59,500 for Edberg, who passed the \$1 million mark in career earnings earlier this year. Wilander won \$29,750.

Sunday's final was the fourth all-Swedish final of this year's Nabisco Grand Prix and the 28th of 62 singles finals to feature at least one Swede.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

College runner dies near finish

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP) — A Tuskegee University sophomore collapsed and died near the end of a 10,000-metre race Saturday in Jackson. Hinds County Coroner Robert Martin said Robert L. Taylor Jr., 18, of Gary, Indiana, was running in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's division II regional tournament at Mississippi College. "He was approaching the finishing line when he collapsed," Martin said. Taylor was given cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the scene and taken by ambulance to Hinds General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Botham leaves Somerset club

PERTH, Australia (R) — Ian Botham said Sunday was the saddest in his life after hearing that Somerset had dismissed West Indies stars Viv Richards and Joel Garner, and he confirmed he would leave the English county cricket club. Botham, 30, said he was told by his parents Sunday morning of the club members' vote to sack Richards and Garner. A packed and often emotional meeting at Shepton Mallet sealed the fates of the West Indies captain and fast bowler and supported the club committee's decision, first announced in August, to replace them with New Zealand test all-rounder Martin Crowe next season.

Portuguese Cunha wins IAAF race

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Aurora Cunha of Portugal kept the pace stiff throughout Sunday to win the 1986 IAAF world 15 kilometre road race for women. The win, with a time of 48 minutes, 30.4 seconds, was Cunha's third consecutive victory in the event. Second place went to teammate Rosa Mota, the Olympic marathon bronze medal winner in 1984, while third place was taken by Carla Beirskens of the Netherlands.

Jahangir advances in world squash

TOULOUSE, France (R) — Titleholder Jahangir Khan subdued fellow-Pakistani Maqsood Ahmed to sweep into the quarter-finals of the World Open squash tournament. Jahangir moved a confident step closer to his sixth consecutive world title when he defeated his cousin Saturday 9-5, 9-1, 9-5 in the second round in 38 minutes. New Zealanders Ross Norman and Stuart Davenport, seeded second and third behind Jahangir, also progressed safely into the last eight with straight sets wins.

Leverkusen retains top spot

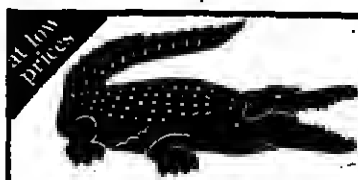
BONN (R) — Bayer Leverkusen retained its place at the top of the West German First Division with a 1-0 win Saturday while leading contender Bayern Munich could manage only a last-minute 3-3 draw against lowly Waldhof Mannheim.

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Weekly Financial Report

The following report summarises trading activities in Amman of major European and Arab currencies as well as gold prices. The writer is a foreign exchange dealer at Halim Salfit and Sons Co.

By Fouad Batshon

LAST WEEK, the U.S. dollar rose against the European and Arab currencies for the third consecutive week. By looking at charts, it seems that the dollar has reached its maximum value, at least for the time being.

For five consecutive trading days, the dollar did not break the 0.350 fils on the dinar. This point seems to be the end of the dollar's upward correction.

Investors and traders may begin buying dinars and European currencies against the dollar on a scale-up dollars basis.

Trading in European currencies

As boring as it may look, European currencies were stuck within a very narrow range for the past five trading days. The Deutschmark traded between 0.1675 fils to 0.1710 fils, the Swiss franc between 0.2010 fils to 0.2055 fils and the Yen between 0.002115 fils to 0.002145 fils.

The amazing currency was the sterling. It rose with the dollar against the dinar and the European currencies. Short covering on the currency moved it up from 0.485 fils to 0.501 fils. The main reason for traders covering their short positions on sterling was fundamental due to remarks by British finance minister who hinted at raising interest rates.

World trading in metals

Gold rose to a high of \$412 per ounce from a low of \$403. Silver also rose from \$5.58 an ounce to \$5.80.

Because the bullion market is described to be an over-sold market, this appreciation was explained by the traders as squeezing margins of the shorts in the metal market.

Trading in Arab currencies

The Lebanese lira traded in a narrow range from .0071-fils to .0065 fils. The Syrian lira, suffering new losses, fell to .0152 fils from .0165 fils.

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Spain liberalises foreign investment

MADRID (AP) — Spaniards will be allowed to invest in foreign stocks and foreign companies will be able to list stock on Spanish exchanges under a new decree aimed at liberalising the Spanish economy.

The new measures permit Spaniards to invest up to five million pesetas (\$3,500) or 30 per cent of their net worth, whichever is less, in foreign stocks, government spokesman Javier Solana said last week.

All transactions are to be handled by government-approved financial institutions.

Most of the new measures were expected to go into effect after the decree is published this week in the official bulletin.

Mr. Solana said the measures were a step toward bringing Spanish capital regulations in line with those of the European Community (EC) by 1991, as required under the EC membership treaty.

The decree authorises foreign companies operating in Spain to begin listing their stock on Spanish exchanges, although administrative paperwork is expected to delay the actual listing by several weeks.

Mr. Edouard Cointreau, director of a Paris-based investor consulting firm, Centre d'Observation et de Prospective Sociales, said many foreign companies in Spain — including U.S., Japanese, French and West German — were interested in listing stock on the Madrid exchange.

He said companies such as IBM, Nixdorf and Wang, the French food company Lesieur and banks, insurance companies, auto manufacturers and electrical



Madrid's stock exchange

appliance companies are expected to list stocks.

Mr. Cointreau predicted a flurry of investment activity after the foreign companies begin listing stocks.

"There is so much money wanting to get into the Madrid market, investors don't know what to do," he said.

But Mr. Fermin Zancada, the economy ministry's undersecretary general for financial planning, downplayed foreign interest in the Madrid exchange.

"I don't think we'll see much immediate interest on the part of foreign companies. They are in no

need or hurry. As for the Spanish investor, he will wait a long time before investing in unfamiliar companies in distant markets," Mr. Zancada said.

The new decree also allows Spaniards to invest in foreign real estate but prohibits direct investment in foreign companies involved principally in real estate.

Under the measures, Spanish institutional investors, like individuals, may invest up to 30 per cent of total assets in foreign stocks, bonds and real estate.

The Catholic daily Ya reported that some business experts were surprised by aspects of the decree, since the government previously

had expressed some concern over capital flight.

Direct purchases by Spanish institutions of property worth more than 250 million pesetas (\$1.8 million) require approval by the economy minister. Smaller purchases need only ministerial approval, according to the decree.

Stock market experts held differing opinions on the immediate impact of the authorisation of foreign stocks on the Madrid exchange. The exchange experienced a tremendous influx of foreign capital earlier this year and rose high before dropping off sharply last month.

Australians expect leaner times as foreign debt swells

SYDNEY (R) — Australians are being told they will have to make sacrifices to help beat economic problems which in two years have doubled the foreign debt and thrust "the lucky country" to the top of Asia-Pacific debtor rankings.

Low prices for its metals, grain and sugar exports and a depreciating currency have created difficulties which have forced Labour Party Prime Minister Bob Hawke to prime the public, long used to the good life, for leaner times.

Gross foreign debt soared to \$57.63 billion at June 30, about 40 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), from \$8.9 billion or around 12 per cent of GDP in mid-1980.

Analysts say the Australian dollar has depreciated by 40 per cent against a basket of world currencies over the past 18 months and poor commodity prices have affected terms of trade.

Commodities account for 80 per cent of exports. Analysts say Australia should speed up creating manufacturing and service industries to dilute such heavy dependence on raw materials.

But while total debt is expected to top \$64 billion a year hence, analysts are not entirely pessimistic.

The government's response has been just what the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would have ordered, they say.

"We're lucky... there are a lot of countries in the world worse off than we are and money still comes here," said Mr. Brian Hamley of National Australia Bank.

In a concerted campaign, Mr. Hawke and Treasurer Paul Keating have been trying to wake up voters to the fact they will have to wear a lower standard of living while the country works out its external difficulties.

The government has tightened monetary policy to dampen growth and slow imports, and maintained high interest rates to attract capital to finance the current account shortfall.

That package, plus the dollar's depreciation, are exactly what the

IMF would have prescribed, says Midland International economist Helen Camp.

Senior trade union leaders have also accepted they will have to lower their sights on pay, and that the lackadaisical habits of the Australian worker will have to change so manufacturing can compete in a tough world.

Official figures show Australia's indebtedness would take its debt service ratio to about 42 per cent of exports in the latest fiscal year.

Economist Ray Block of the investment bank Dominguez Barry Samuel Montagu said this would put Australia ahead of the Philippines at 38.4 per cent well ahead of any other country in the region.

But at least Australia is not yet in the class of Mexico (77.3 per cent), Brazil (74 per cent) or Argentina (59.3 per cent), Mr. Block said.

And a key difference between Australia and the more problematic debtor nations is that most Australian debt is made up of private, not government borrowings.

The federal government's gross overseas debt at June 30 was \$12.16 billion. Taking official reserves into account, that means only \$3.82 billion net.

But gross private sector debt stood at \$33.78 billion on June 30, against \$25.85 billion a year earlier and only \$4.33 billion in 1980.

However, semi-official borrowing by authorities such as state government power utilities has grown sharply, to \$11.69 billion at June 30 from \$9.83 billion a year earlier and \$0.92 billion in 1980.

That growth followed a spurge on power stations and other infrastructure projects in the early 1980s for a heralded resources boom that never happened, according to Bank of New Zealand economist John Stroud.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOV. 10, 1986

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Delays and obstacles are soon in back of you and you will find that you make quick headway with your ideas. You are very apt in handling details today.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have some responsibility to handle before you can get your activities scheduled right.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handle an outside affair early so that you can have time to see good friends who understand you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your routine work does not seem to go right so think about improving public and civic duties.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Study into practical new interests and don't forego this for pleasure. Contact a new acquaintance.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Something comes up that can prevent your having the pleasure you had anticipated. Make your mate happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't mope at home. You can easily gain acclaim at civic matters. You have much charm and fine self-expression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Give that correspondence more thought before you answer it. The evening can be very delightful for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get your business affairs handled efficiently. You can show your mate a very fine time tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to please those at home by doing what they like. Treat company charmingly and have fun tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be with dynamic yet understanding friends who can be helpful to you. Get your health improved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't permit pals to get you off the track. Carry through with your practical affairs.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Steer clear of public annoyances and go after what you personally want the most. Be careful in speech.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she may find it rather difficult to learn, but by persevering will work harder than others. A sensitive child here. Make sure that the diet is right and that sports are delved in for better physical health. Have many good books around for perusal early in life.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bishops to debate economic issues today

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two years of hickhats and haves, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops will vote this week on a major economic broadside insisting that the nation do more for the poor and powerless. "That so many people are poor in a nation as rich as ours is a social and moral scandal that must not be ignored," says the latest draft of the lengthy pastoral letter. During their annual meeting, which begins Monday in Washington, the bishops will also discuss behind closed doors the past year's crackdown by the Vatican on liberal U.S. clergy and decide whether to do or say anything about it in public.

Peking sells state shops to up efficiency

PEKING (R) — Seven state-owned shops in Peking have been sold to private citizens, the first such sale of government assets in a bid to improve the businesses, the official Economic Information newspaper said Sunday. At a boisterous auction, 50 people put in bids for the shops, which included food stores, a barber shop and one doing bicycle repairs. Shops have been leased to individuals and collectives in the past. But, because the individual did not own it and had a fixed-period lease, he did not want to invest in it and the business was not fully developed," the paper said. It added that owners were forbidden to speculate in their new assets.

France to impose airport security tax

PARIS (AP) — A small surtax to pay for increased security at French airports will be imposed beginning Jan. 1, if approved in time by parliament, the French transport ministry announced last week. The tax, to be included on passenger tickets, is expected to be 3 francs (about 45 U.S. cents) on domestic tickets and 5 francs (about 75 cents) on international tickets, the ministry said. It is expected to raise about 100 million francs (about \$15 million) per year to pay for increased security equipment.

Imbalance in trade figures high in Sino-Japanese talks

PEKING (R) — Premier Zhao Ziyang forecast Sunday that China would have a \$4 billion trade deficit with Japan this year and called on Tokyo to buy, lend and invest more in China, informed Japanese sources said.

Mr. Zhao told Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, who left for home Sunday afternoon after a 25-hour visit, that the trade deficit was the most serious problem in Sino-Japanese relations.

The forecast deficit was well down on last year's nearly \$6 billion but Mr. Zhao said this was partly because overall trade volume was down.

He said Japan must help in achieving balanced bilateral trade while China endeavored to reform its trading system and improve the quality of its exports.

The sources said Mr. Zhao also recommended that Japan should boost soft-loan development financing to China in 1991, following the end of a seven-year, 470 billion yen (\$3 billion) loan at 3.5 per cent annual interest, which began in 1984.

Despite some increase of Japanese investment in China in the last few years and Chinese efforts to make conditions for this more attractive, Mr. Zhao said the scale of such investment was still highly inadequate.

This was especially so considering the pace at which Japanese investments in other countries were moving ahead, spurred by the strength of the yen, he added.

Mr. Zhao urged the Japanese government to do more to encourage Japanese investment groups to do business in China.

The sources said Mr. Nakasone promised to study Mr. Zhao's proposals and said there would be plenty of time to discuss the request for extra loans.

The Japanese prime minister cited high Chinese taxes as one reason why Japan's investments in China were not as great as Peking desired and said unreliable supplies limited the purchase of imports from China.

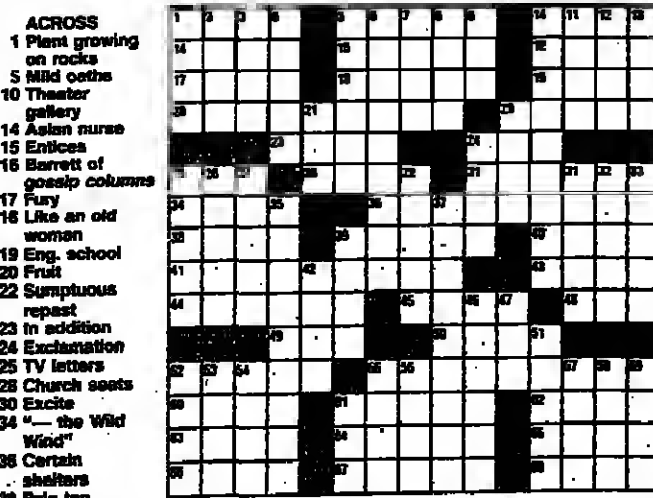
Despite the catalogue of demands presented by Mr. Zhao, the New China News Agency reported the exchange in a moderate tone, without the confrontational edge that was present in reports on last year's Peking-Tokyo trade talks.

Chinese leader, Mr. Deng Xiaoping, warned Japan last December that his government would not tolerate another year of trade deficit with Japan.

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THE Daily Crossword

by Elizabeth Arthur

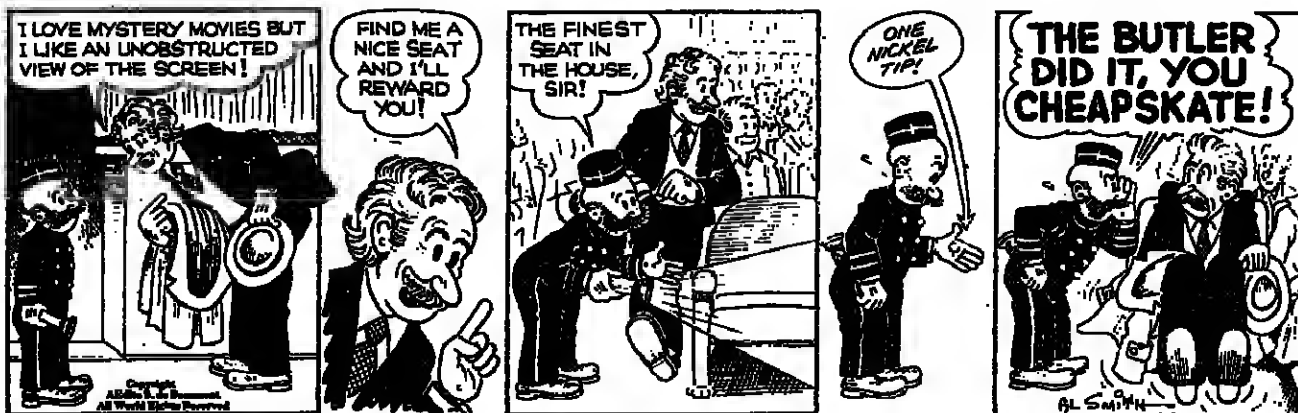


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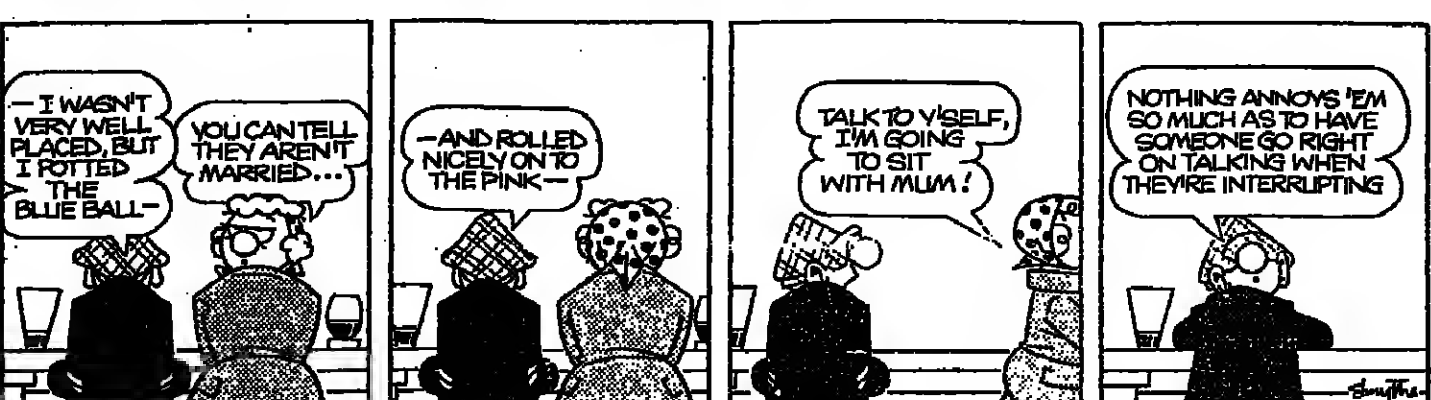
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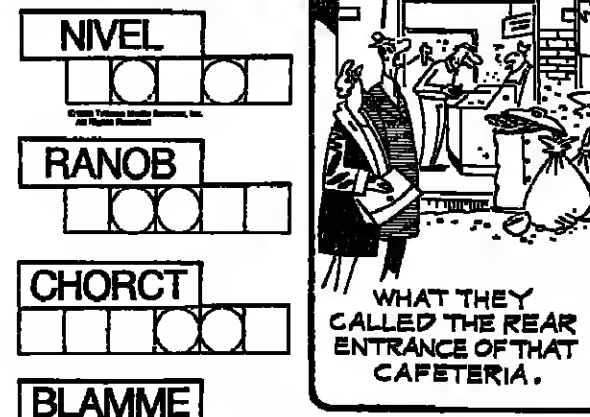


"Maybe I used a wee bit too much putty to seal the bathtub... nobody's perfect!"

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: THE

Yesterday's Jumbles: POPPY VIPER POTENT JANGLE

Answer: What a good memory requires—NO PEN OR PAPER

Aquino warns military dissidents against coup

MANILA (R) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino bluntly warned dissident military elements Sunday night against staging a coup and said she would summon the people into the streets to fight them if they dared.

It was Mrs. Aquino's toughest response yet to reports sweeping Manila that military officers loyal to Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile were planning a coup for when she starts a four-day visit to Japan Monday.

In a speech to an International Convention of Dentists here, Mrs. Aquino said, "I will not allow the Armed Forces of the Philippines to be destroyed by a handful of misguided elements, if in fact they are planning to do anything. The function of a soldier is to fight the enemy, not to fight the very government it is ordained to serve."

Referring to the February "people power" revolt that toppled strongman Ferdinand Marcos and put her in the presidency, Mrs. Aquino said, "if it should be necessary, I shall once

more ask you (the Philippine people) to take to the streets. "I am the president of all of our people. They have put their faith and trust in me that I shall protect and do all in my power to preserve their rights and freedoms."

She also warned leftists against trying to take advantage of her trip and said any attacks by rebel guerrillas would be met with military force.

The military Sunday night went on full "red alert" to protect the government against a possible coup or rebel attacks while Mrs. Aquino is in Japan seeking a major expansion in Japanese aid.

Col. Honesto Isleta, the chief military spokesman, said the alert went into effect after the military learned that a large number of Communist rebels had infiltrated Manila to take advantage of the

present confusion started by current coup rumours.

Earlier, thousands of people crammed central Manila in a massive demonstration in support of Mrs. Aquino.

At the rally, her brother-in-law Agapito "Butz" Aquino told reporters the president was taking the plot rumours seriously.

"The situation is serious, not critical. The president is concerned, but is confident. The government has a contingency plan involving soldiers and civilians loyal to (her) who would stand up to a military coup," he said.

He added that the problem in the military was not Mr. Enrile, who has become an outspoken critic of Mrs. Aquino's policies, or Armed Forces Chief Fidel Ramos, but colonels and lieutenant colonels underneath them.

"Butz" Aquino said Gen. Ramos was acting on behalf of the government to squash any problems and that Mr. Enrile himself had personally told the president he would always support



Corazon Aquino

ber government.

The brother-in-law said he had no comment on a report that the president broke down and wept at her meeting on Friday night with Mr. Enrile.

Meanwhile, reporters were barred Sunday from entering Camp Aguinaldo, Manila's military headquarters, where soldiers could be seen parading in full military gear and carrying Israeli-made assault rifles.

Officers refused comment on what was going on, but earlier, military spokesmen said a full-scale "red alert" was going into effect Monday when Mrs. Aquino goes to Japan.

Thatcher's party leads in new poll

LONDON (AP) — The governing Conservative Party of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was given one point lead over the main opposition in an opinion poll published in the Sunday Times.

The Sunday Times poll, conducted on Nov. 3 and 4 by Market and Opinion Research International, showed the Conservatives with the support of 40 per cent of those asked, Labour with 39 per cent, and the alliance of the Liberal Party and the Social Democratic Party trailing with 18 per cent.

The Conservatives had been trailing the Labour Party for a year until a Nov. 1-2 Harris poll was published Tuesday.

In the latest poll, Labour's leader Neil Kinnock remained more popular than Mrs. Thatcher. Forty-two per cent of those asked saying they were satisfied with Mr. Kinnock, against 36 per cent for the prime minister.

However, on the question of leadership capability, Mrs. Thatcher scored 32 per cent to Mr. Kinnock's 26 per cent; and 32 per cent believed her to be good in a crisis, compared with 7 per cent for Mr. Kinnock.

No margin of error was given, nor was the size of the sampling.

'Africans could be hungrier in 1990 than they were in 1980'

ROME (R) — Many Africans could be hungrier in 1990 than they were in 1980, a United Nations Agency said in a report released Sunday.

Average per capita consumption of basic foodstuffs in 20 low-income countries in sub-Saharan Africa "is expected to be lower in 1990 compared with the levels attained in 1979-81," the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said.

FAO said its projections reflected problems inherent in raising domestic food output in line with population growth and expectations that foreign exchange constraints would make importing of food difficult.

Undernutrition in these African countries was likely to worsen unless domestic crop production were stepped up and imports of food increased, it said in its report "Agricultural Commodity Projections to 1990."

Nakasone offers to help develop Sino-Korean ties

PEKING (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Sunday his country was willing to act as a bridge between China and South Korea to help develop relations.

Mr. Nakasone, on a brief 24-hour visit to Peking, told a news conference he had passed on messages from the South Korean government to the Chinese Communist leadership expressing hopes for more ties.

He said the messages spoke of South Korea's strong hope for the development of sporting, trade and other non-official contacts with China and also the hope that China would attend the 1988 Olympics Games in Seoul.

Chinese Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang expressed gratitude for the warm reception given to Chinese athletes at the Asian Games in Seoul in September, Mr. Nakasone added.

"If necessary, Japan is willing

and able to act as bridge between China and South Korea," he said.

China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations but unofficial contacts, particularly in sports and trade, have grown swiftly in the past few years.

Japanese sources said Saturday that Mr. Nakasone had also passed on a message from Seoul calling for formal talks between North and South Korea, China and the United States on the Korea question.

China has previously supported North Korea's position that any such talks should be between only North and South Korea and the United States.

Mr. Nakasone arrived Saturday to lay a foundation stone for Sino-Japanese youth exchange centre to be built in Peking, largely with Japanese funds.

On Sunday morning he met top leader Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang.

U.S. to exceed SALT II limits this week, report says

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States will exceed SALT II limits on nuclear missiles this week when a B-52 bomber modified to carry cruise missiles becomes operational, the Washington Post reported Sunday.

The Post said the bomber would be transferred to Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Texas, from the Air Force Air Logistics Centre in San Antonio, Texas, where it was overhauled to make it capable of carrying cruise missiles.

It quoted an air force official as saying the transfer would occur

early in the week.

The Post quoted the administration and congressional sources as saying that when the bomber was made operational the United States would be in clear violation of a provision of the treaty limiting each side to no more than 1,320 missile warheads and bombers with cruise missile-carrying capability.

Assistant Defence Secretary Bob Sims told Reuters he could not confirm whether the limits would be breached this week. "All we have said is that it will happen by the end of the year," Mr. Sims said.

Bangkok train crash could have been intentional — minister

BANGKOK (R) — Thai Communications Minister Banham Silpa-Archa has hinted that six locomotives might have deliberately been sent crashing into Bangkok's main railway station, killing seven people.

"Intention, sabotage or carelessness are possible (causes of the crash)," Mr. Banham said on television Saturday night.

"We are still investigating. I think it was carelessness... but my thought might not be right."

The string of locomotives hurtled six kilometres down a line from a repair yard to Hua Lumpong station.

They sped through level crossings, hitting a taxi and a motorcycle. Four ploughed

through buffers and into the station just after most people had been cleared from the platforms. The other two stayed on the track.

One locomotive ended up on its side near the main entrance of the waiting hall which is normally filled with people. The hall contains magazine and food kiosks and pushcarts carrying puddles and cold drinks.

A child was sliced in half and rescue workers recovered only the torso of another victim. Witnesses said several people were injured.

Railway workers said the locomotives were hitched together in the repair yard and that only one had its motor running.



Man kills wife, himself in bridal shop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who held his estranged wife hostage in the bridal shop where she worked Saturday night fatally shot her then himself before police stormed the store, authorities said.

Deputies who entered the exclusive bridal shop about 7:30 p.m. (0330 GMT Sunday) found the woman's body in front of the store and the man's in back, said Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Bailey. Deputies heard no shots from the store during the three-hour siege, but it appeared the murder-suicide occurred after the building had been surrounded, Bailey said.

One of the deputies had observed the woman standing in front of the window early on, he said. "She had a mannequin in her hand in an apparent attempt to throw it through the window, but she was seen to suddenly fall." A sheriff's negotiator repeatedly tried in vain to contact the man, Bailey said. "When they couldn't get any response or communication from the suspect or the victim, they felt the victim's life was in danger, so they moved in hoping to rescue the woman."

Man who held judge hostage hangs himself

BANGKOK (R) — A prisoner who held several people, including a judge, hostage in a bid to escape during trial here has killed himself, prison officials said Sunday. They said Boonlert Hampala hanged himself in his cell with string he extracted from a leg restraint at the Bang Kwang Central Prison near Bangkok.

Boonlert, charged with stealing 2.7 million baht (\$100,000) in a 1984 payroll robbery, seized six hostages on Friday when he pulled a pistol out of a bundle of papers he was presenting as evidence in court. Police smashed into the courtroom and freed those being held. Witnesses quoted him as saying: "I have no other choice — I have been convicted of two gold shop robberies with 48 years in prison."

Britons back compulsory testing for AIDS

LONDON (R) — Nearly two-thirds of Britons questioned believe the entire population should have to take tests to detect the AIDS virus, according to opinion poll results released Sunday. The Observer newspaper said the poll conducted by the Harris Organisation found that 63 per cent of Britons support compulsory AIDS testing. 29 per cent oppose it and eight per cent are undecided. In addition, the paper said in Sunday's edition that 82 per cent of those polled said everyone entering Britain should be tested to see whether they carry the AIDS virus, while 14 per cent opposed such testing. The British government has said it is considering health checks on visitors from Africa likely to be at risk from AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). Forty-nine per cent of those questioned in the poll, conducted by interviews with 1,050 people in Thursday and Friday, opposed isolating AIDS virus carriers. Thirty-eight per cent said carriers should be isolated.

9,750 years old structure found in North America

FRESNO, California (AP) — Remains of what scientists believe could be the oldest structure ever found in North America have been carbon-dated to at least 9,750 years ago, an archaeologist said Saturday. The dating was made possible by the discovery of charcoal from a hearth found in the clay floor wall that was once a 12-foot-long (3-metre), oval-shaped residential building in the Sierra Nevada about 240 kilometres east of San Francisco.

"We are tremendously excited because this is the oldest structure apparently ever found in North America," said Melinda Peak, of Peak and Associates Inc. of Sacramento. "It pushes back our knowledge about man and particularly his use of the mountains," she added. Peak's mother, Ann, is chief archaeologist for the family company which in August found the structure remains eight feet (2½ metres) underground while excavating the site of a hydroelectric project. Remains discovered at Hell's Gap, Wyoming, which were dated at 8,000 years, were previously believed to mark the oldest man-made structure on the continent, said Peak.

Dutch attempt to divert Rhine pollution wave

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch engineers sought Sunday to divert a wave of chemical pollution in the River Rhine along the swiftest route to the North Sea and out of The Netherlands.

Officials of the State Water Authority said that about 30 tonnes of toxic waste which flooded into the Rhine after a fire in a Swiss chemical factory last week would hit The Netherlands Sunday morning.

The authority set up a crisis centre in the eastern town of Arnhem near the West German border to monitor the progress of the 100-kilometre hand of contaminated water.

In the Swiss city of Basle Saturday, about 5,000 demonstrators marched in protest against the accident, which occurred at a plant owned by the

chemical company Sandoz. The waste from the leak, mainly mercury and dyes, is being diluted as it moves downstream. But there would still be a risk of contamination if it reached reservoirs and canals along the Dutch inland waterway system, experts said.

Hydraulic engineers have closed sluices and locks to stop the toxic flood seeping into the River IJssel and the artificial IJsselmeer, formerly the Zuider Sea — a fresh water lake from which much of The Netherlands' drinking water is drawn.

Arnold Braun, chief water engineer in the Dutch province of Gelderland on the West German border, said the pollution would take four or five days to reach the sea, even by the fastest route.

Gandhi faces crisis over police swoop on Tamils

NEW DELHI (R) — A police swoop on more than 1,000 Sri Lankan Tamil militants in south India could flare into a major political crisis for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi before he meets Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene next week.

A police spokesman said guerrillas from five main groups were detained briefly for questioning in Tamil Nadu state Saturday, but Indian newspapers also reported the seizure of large quantities of arms from homes and offices of militants.

"We just wanted to question them... there is nothing to worry about," a Tamil Nadu police spokesman told Reuters.

But Mr. Gandhi, seeking to limit political damage caused by the raids in a state with 50 million Indian Tamils, met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran hours after the action.

Mr. Ramachandran told Mr. Gandhi that the guerrilla groups had rejected Sri Lanka's latest proposals to end a bitter ethnic conflict between the island's Sinhalese majority and its Tamil minority.

The respected Hindu newspaper said the brief detention of guerrilla leaders could further alienate them from talks between Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jayewardene at Bangalore where the two leaders will attend a South Asian

summit this week.

India has played a mediatory role in the ethnic crisis, but has failed to persuade the militants, especially the powerful Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), to negotiate a settlement. The Tamil Nadu police spokesman said LTTE chief Velupillai Prabhakaran was among those detained, a move which the Hindu described as unwise and humiliating for the militants.

It said the raids were ordered without taking into consideration political implications, adding that the militants had to participate in any effective peace accord.

The raids came one week after one man was killed in a clash between militants and residents of Madras to which most of about 100,000 Sri Lankan Tamil exiles fled after 1983.

Tamil activists say the seizure of arms was likely to be raised by Jayewardene when he meets Mr. Gandhi at Bangalore, while the Hindu pointed out that it could be seen as conclusive evidence of India's "hitherto tolerant attitude in allowing these militants to function from Tamil Nadu and acquire arms."

Sri Lanka has accused India of allowing the guerrillas to shelter and train in the south and Mr. Jayewardene is expected to renew the charges at Bangalore. India has denied the charges.

Suharto designates Sukarno a national hero

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia's President Suharto has finally made peace with his fiery predecessor, the late President Sukarno, by making him a national hero 20 years after edging him out of power.

One of Sukarno's five wives and his children returned Saturday to the presidential palace they once occupied to receive a certificate from Suharto, now 65, recognising the contribution to the nation of his charismatic predecessor.

Sukarno, who proclaimed independence from The Netherlands on Aug. 17, 1945, became Indonesia's first president. He died in 1970 after being pushed aside by Suharto who consolidated his power by banning Sukarno from political activity.

A similar award was given to the late Mohammad Hatta, who was Sukarno's vice president until 1956. He died in 1980.

The certificates, to commemorate National Hero's Day Monday, were for their "loyalties in protecting and leading the nation through independence in 1945." Suharto said at the brief ceremony.

"They have set an example for other Indonesian citizens," he added.

It was Suharto's first specific acknowledgement of the leading role played by the two in winning independence, although his military-backed government last year named Jakarta's new international airport Sukarno-Hatta.

Suharto rose to power after leading the army in crushing an abortive coup in 1965 which he blamed on the Communists, then the world's largest Communist Party out of power.

Sukarno's failure to condemn the party led to demonstrations by students and Muslims throughout the archipelago urging Suharto to purge the Communists and their sympathisers.

Sukarno was formally removed from power in 1968 and was virtually kept in isolation until his death.

His Indonesian Nationalist Party was merged in 1971 with Christian parties into the Indonesian Democratic Party, now the smallest of three political groups in the country.

The Democratic Party has named a number of Sukarno's children as candidates for general elections next April but only one has accepted the nomination.

Fire in Philippines claims 21 lives

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Fire swept through a department store in the southern Philippines before dawn Sunday, killing 21 people who were sleeping inside, the Philippine News Agency (PNA) reported.

PNA said three of the dead were children of the store owner, who was in Manila at the time of the fire. The other dead were store employees, the agency added.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, the agency said.

PNA quoted officials as saying the fire broke out about 3 a.m. (1900 GMT) at the Butuan Fairmont Store in Butuan city on the southern island of Mindanao, 800 kilometres south of Manila.

Telephone operators said lines to the city were out of order, and further details were unavailable. The agency said two people asleep in the store escaped and were hospitalized.

With a shortage of housing and low incomes, it is not uncommon for stores to provide sleeping space on the premises for low-paid workers.

Kennedy brother reportedly shot by SS

BONN (R) — A West German newspaper has said that the eldest brother of assassinated U.S. President John Kennedy was shot and killed by the Nazi SS in World War II.

For records suggest that Joseph Jr., one of four sons born to millionaire businessman Joseph Kennedy and his wife Rose, died when his bomber exploded over the channel in 1944.

Not so, said the mass-circulation Bild Am Sonntag newspaper in an article on Sunday.

It quoted a former German soldier as saying that 29-year-old Joseph Jr. and another U.S. airman

parachuted from their B-17 bomber over France after German anti-aircraft units hit the plane.

Bild Am Sonntag quoted former anti-aircraft Lt. Karl Heinz Wehn as saying that he cross-examined Kennedy immediately after he was captured near the German front line in north western France.

Wehn, now 65, told the newspaper that Kennedy said he had dropped bombs on a German missile site near Solisols.

Kennedy asked how long he would be held prisoner, according to Bild.

Mother Teresa opens AIDS home in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mother Teresa, offering a prayer for the sick and unwanted, dedicated a home for AIDS victims in a neighbourhood where residents have angrily objected to the facility.

"Let us thank God for giving us this beautiful gift, this home," she said at a dedication mass at the building, located on a relatively secluded hilltop surrounded by 12 acres of parkland.

The Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa, is establishing the home with the help of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

It will house terminally ill and AIDS patients in the last stages of

the disease. A home that opened last December in New York City also is run by the order.

Archbishop James A. Hickey said the building will be "a loving home for... brothers and sisters who face this dreaded disease alone."

"The Missionaries of Charity will offer love and peace to those who have been forgotten as they face death," he said. "Here they will find peace."

At a mass attended by several hundred people Saturday, Mother Teresa offered a prayer, saying, "We pray especially for the sick and the unwanted."

"The greatest disease today is being unwanted, unloved," she

Second Chernobyl reactor restarted for tests

MOSCOW (AP) — The No. 2 reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant has been restarted for tests, and the No. 1 unit has been returned to service, Soviet news media reported Sunday.

Both reactors, along with a third unit, were shut down last April after an explosion tore open the No. 4 reactor at Chernobyl and sent radiation spewing into the atmosphere.

The second generating unit has been recommissioned at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant after the first was put into service," Radio Moscow's English-language service said.

It added that "special measures were taken to increase the safety of the reactor and all plant equipment."

In a separate report, the Communist Party daily Pravda said the No. 2 reactor had been put into a "testing regime."

Neither report said when the tests began on the reactor, but implied they had started recently.

Soviet newspapers reported in early October that the No. 1 reactor had been restarted for "corrective" work, then returned to service.

Pravda also quoted experts as saying prospects are good for restarting the No. 3 reactor adjacent to the ruined No. 4 unit, but was unclear about when that might be attempted.

It said work was continuing to encase the No. 4 reactor in concrete.

An explosion ripped through the No. 4 reactor block last April 26 during an experiment with steam-powered turbines.

At least 31 people have died as a result of the disaster, which caused more than 2 billion rubles (\$2.9 million) in damage and forced the evacuation of more than 100,000 people from their homes in the northern Ukraine and southern Byelorussia.

Dublin police on alert after blasts

DUBLIN (R) — Police in the Irish Republic were on full alert Sunday after Protestant guerrillas from Northern Ireland planted four explosive devices in Dublin dustbins and threatened a wave of car bomb attacks.

The shadowy Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) brought their campaign into the heart of Dublin Saturday, threatening "maximum damage" unless an Anglo-Irish accord on Northern Ireland was dropped.

The agreement, signed last Nov. 15, gave Dublin for the first time a limited say in the running of British-ruled Northern Ireland, scene of 17 years of sectarian strife between the Protestant majority and the Catholic minority.

Two explosive devices went off in Dublin dustbins and two others were defused by police. No one was hurt in the blasts but Justice Minister Alan Dukes said: "This is a threat we have to take extremely seriously."

The UFF said in a statement in Belfast: "Don't let this warning go unheeded."

It said that if the agreement was not dropped by next Saturday "we will regard all Irish citizens North and South of the border as targets."

"We will not hesitate to plant car bombs and anti-personnel devices all over Eire without warning and designed to reap maximum damage."

In 1974, 22 people were killed

in Dublin when a series of car bombs went off without warning and another five were killed by car bombs in Monaghan.

Justice Minister Dukes said he had advised all Irish shops and businesses to check their premises very carefully for anything suspicious.

"Ordinary people must also be vigilant and notice any untoward or strange behaviour," he added.

Mr. Dukes said the Irish Republic was also seeking all available intelligence information from Northern Ireland's police force. "We are looking for and getting cross-border cooperation," the minister told reporters.

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